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GOD BLESS US EVERY ONE

"God bless us every one!" prayed Tiny Tim,
Crippled, and dwarfed of body, yet so tall
Of soul, we tiptoe earth to look on him,
High towering over all.

He loved the loveliest world, nor dreamed, indeed,
That it, at best, could give to him, the while,
But pitying glances, when his only need
Was but a cheery smile.

And thus he prayed, "God bless us every one!"
Enfolding all the creeds within the span
Of his child-heart; and so, despising none,
Was nearer saint than man.

I like to fancy God, in Paradise,
Lifting a finger o'er the rhythmic swing
Of chiming harp and song, with eager eyes
Turned earthward, listening--

The anthem stilled--the angels leaning there
Above the golden walls--the morning sun
Of Christmas bursting flower-like with the prayer,
"God bless us Every One!"--James Whitcomb Riley

MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

Christmas is the Feast of the Nativity, but the exact day--and even year--of Christ's birth is unknown. Originally, the Nativity and Epiphany (the adoration of the Magi, or Twelfth Night) were celebrated together. It was not until the fourth century that the Church fathers in Rome began to celebrate Christmas (the mass of Christ) on December 25th. Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, which originated with the Jews of the Roman Empire (165 B.C.) is celebrated about the same time of year.

Midwinter festivals are deeply embedded in the folklore of many peoples. The approach of the winter solstice, as the days grew shorter and colder and the sun seemed to threaten to disappear entirely, was a time of fear. But the shortest day meant that winter was on the turn and that ahead was the promise of spring, the warmth of the sun and the return of vegetation to the fields. Many of our customs are relics of the pagan celebrations of this season. The ancient Scandinavians called it "jul" or festival, and the "jul" log was lit. Hence our word "Yule."

Christmas is, of course, very much a children's festival, and of all the customs that go toward making it so, the most exciting from their point of view, is Father Christmas, or Santa Claus. The Norse god Odin was believed to ride the skies and bring gifts to those who had specially honored him at "jul-time." Later, St. Nicholas appeared on the horizon. He was a fourth-century Bishop of Myra, in which is now Turkey, who became legendary for his gifts to poor children. The early Dutch settlers brought St. Nicholas' name to America as Sinterklaas, whence "Santa Claus." German immigrants of the nineteenth century had a tradition that Christmas presents were brought by the Christ Child, or Christkindel. The word was soon corrupted into "Kris Kringle."

Christmas trees are of German origin, although evergreens were used in many

early magical rites at the winter solstice. Because they kept their greenery and bore fruit in the winter months, they were regarded as strong life symbols and were used in ceremonies to ensure the return of vegetation to the land in the following spring. Hessian soldiers in King George III's army used Christmas trees as decorations and they were a favorite of the early German settlers in Pennsylvania. They caught on slowly in Britain until Queen Victoria's German-born husband Prince Albert, set one up at Windsor in 1841.

Mistletoe is the golden bough of classical legend and was considered a sacred plant. The old name for mistletoe was allheal, and it was often an ingredient of medicines. It was also the plant of peace under which enemies in ancient Scandinavia were reconciled. Kissing under the mistletoe originated in Britain in the early seventeenth century. The custom was for a berry to be removed from the bough every time a girl was kissed under it. When all the berries had been removed the kissing came to an end.

The practice of sending Christmas cards is now universal. They originated in the fourteenth century with woodcuts in Germany. The sending of cards was well established in Britain in 1870. A few years later, they were introduced to America by a German-born Boston lithographer, Louis Prang.

The Christmas cards that we exchange renew old friendships and make new ones. These messages help to strengthen bonds of peace throughout the world.

Merry Christmas!

Annette B. Dinsmore

NEWS DIGEST

Several months ago, workmen began setting up some strange equipment in a wing of the main post office in Washington, D.C., and marked off the area with large "Restricted" signs. Everyone who entered the wing was checked for identification and had to sign in and out. Last month the signs came down with a flourish, and the broadly beaming Postmaster General, Arthur D. Summerfield, unveiled "another major landmark in the development of our American postal system." The well-kept secret: Instant mail. The new system, which is called Speed Mail, can take a letter and convert it for transmission from one post office to any other in a mere four seconds. To demonstrate, Summerfield fed some sealed letters, similar to the V-mail of World War II, into one end of a large, metal cabinet. Inside, the letters were automatically opened and passed under a TV-like tube. The recorded image was then converted into electrical signals and sent to Chicago and Battle Creek, Mich., by microwave radio. There the process was reversed, and the sample letters were reproduced, addressed, and sealed, ready for the mailman's bag. Within two or three years, Summerfield predicted, a complete Speed Mail system could be set up, with units at 71 major postal centers in the U.S. However, approval from Congress would probably be required and the undercurrent of grumbling from telegraph companies, commercial mail carriers, and postal employes themselves suggested that such approval might not be easy to obtain. Summerfield, however, was optimistic. Waving off the murmurs of opposition, he said: "I anticipate no serious criticism."

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One of the great mysteries around the White House is: Who was responsible for keeping alive the feud that broke out between Mr. Truman and Mr. Eisenhower during the 1952 campaign? To friends of both men, this feud was a source of continuing anguish. One mutual friend appointed himself an intermediary to end the feud. He spoke to a White House aide, who spoke to Mr. Eisenhower, and the word came back:

"The President says yes, he'd like to end it. Go ahead." Meanwhile, Mr. Truman, entirely on his own, had also decided to make up. When Mr. Eisenhower went out to Kansas City in October 1953, Mr. Truman called him at the Muehleback hotel. He told whoever answered the phone: "This is Harry S. Truman. I'd like to call on the President to pay my respects." "The President's appointments calendar is filled," Mr. Truman was told bluntly. That did it. After that, Mr. Truman could not be placated. A White House investigation failed to disclose who had answered the phone. Apparently it was a young signal corpsman on the White House switchboard, who thought he was dealing with a prankster or a nut.

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With a quick stroke of the pen, Defense Minister Thomas S. Gates, Jr., gave the highly controversial, still theoretical 2,000-mile-an-hour B-70 bomber a vote of confidence last month. Gates released $55 million in funds for the project and thereby told the Air Force to go ahead with its plans for the giant bomber, not merely as a research plane but as the strategic bomber of the future. For a year, military planners at the White House and Pentagon had struggled with the vexing B-70 question: Should the U.S. spend some $6 billion on a super bomber in the age of the ICBM? The Air Force, especially supporters of Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, father of the B-70, said yes. They talked of the long, goose-necked, fantailed bomber as the "universal" aircraft which could be developed as a troop transport, super reconnaissance plane, and floating missile platform necessary to U.S. survival. Most important of all, said the Air Force, the B-70, with a range of more than 7,000 miles, had the strategical advantage of being "recallable" from a combat mission. As Air Force Secretary Dudley Sharp put it: "As far as we can see in the future, we are not going to be able to dispense with aerospace systems which are under the control of trained, disciplined human minds." White House military advisers, however, raised serious objections: The B-70's skin-friction heat (600 degrees) would make it a prime target for Soviet heat-seeking rockets. The bomber's great size (170 feet long, weighing 250 tons) would make it easily detectable by

radar. The B-70 would not be ready until the late '60s, when missiles would not only be abundant, but would also have "pinpoint" accuracy.

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"After hearing the testimony in this case, I don't know whether we asked enough." With this rhetorical flourish to a Montgomery, Ala., jury, attorney M. Roland Nachman asked for judgment in the first of eight libel suits facing The New York Time in that State. The jurors apparently took Nachman's argument to heart. After deliberating for two hours and ten minutes, they awarded the plaintiff, Montgomery Police Commissioner L.B. Sullivan, full damages, totaling half a million dollars. Sullivan had filed the suit against the paper and four Alabama Negro ministers following an advertisement that appeared in The Times last March. Placed by a committee of 66 civil-rights leaders, the ad solicited funds for the defense of Negro integration leader Martin Luther King, Jr., who was then charged with falsifying his Alabama state-income-tax returns. (Dr. King was later acquitted.) Sullivan contended that the ad, which made mention of racial unrest in Montgomery, subjected him to ridicule. Attorneys for The Times argued that statements in the advertisement were substantially correct and that nothing in its text could be construed as referring to Sullivan. They also said that Times employes took all precautions "a normal human being" would take in screening the ad. The prosecution, however,argued that under Alabama law Sullivan did not have to show damages. The Times said it would appeal the $500,000 verdict--largest ever granted by an Alabama jury--to the Alabama Supreme Court.

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In the tense years since World War II, more than a score of Russians have been caught violating their diplomatic status by spying in the U.S. But despite frequent charges that the Soviet Union was using the United Nations to cloak espionage activities, intelligence agents had never felt justified in arresting a U.N. employe until last month. The accused man is Igor Yakovlevich Melekh, stumpy 47-year-old chief (at $10,000 a year) of the Russian section of the U.N.'s languages and meeting services. Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, after

arresting him in his New York City apartment, charged that Melekh conspired with German-born (and never naturalized) Willie Hirsch, a 52-year-old illustrator of medical books, to obtain aerial photographs of Chicago. Hirsch, too, was picked up at his New York apartment and, like Melekh, was lodged in jail under $50,000 bond. Besides conspiring to steal U.S. defense secrets, Melekh and Hirsch also are charged with failing to register as foreign agents. If convicted, they would face sentences up to 25 years. FBI officials indicated that they had been watching Melekh, who came to the U.S. in 1955, since 1958 at least. On three different occasions, they said, Melekh met "an individual," presumably an undercover FBI agent, in Chicago and New York and gave him sums ranging from $200 to $500 for a map and aerial photographs showing places "which Melekh indicated were to be used for Soviet bombing purposes." The arrests left one big question unanswered: Why would anyone go to all this trouble to get an aerial photo of Chicago? Chicago has fourteen aerial photography firms which have thoroughly mapped the area without restriction, including military installations. A "dirty political provocation," a Soviet official called the arrests. But the reason for alarm at the Russian plot, the FBI said, "would have to come out in court."

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Bearing none of the scandalous overtones it would have in the New World, the practice of nepotism in political life is an ancient and honorable part of England's history. Lord Grey, as Prime Minister in the 1830s, arranged lucrative or influential public offices for no fewer than 17 of his relations. The Cecils have done even better, with a tradition of influential official connections unbroken since the reign of Elizabeth I. Nineteen relatives of the present leading Cecil, the Marquess of Salisbury, sit in Parliament today: eight of them were members of Anthony Eden's government in 1956. One of the solid convictions of these people is that their own kin and kind are simply the best people for the job. Prime Minister Harold Macmillan married into a family that stoutly upheld the tradition. Among the relatives of Lady Dorothy (daughter of the ninth Duke of

Devonshire) still prominently around: Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller (known to fellow M.P.s as "Sir Reginald Bullying Manner"), Attorney General; Lord Balniel, former Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Treasury and Ministry of Public Housing; Robert Boothby, the able and voluble Scottish M.P. who was elevated to the peerage. Then there is David Ormsby-Gore, brother-in-law of the Prime Minister's son, Maurice; he is Minister of State for Foreign Affairs. Adding to his government last month, Harold Macmillan saw no reason to deviate from custom. Into office as Secretary of State for Air went Julian Amery, Macmillan's son-in-law; the eleventh Duke of Devonshire, his wife's newphew, became Parliamentary Undersecretary for Commonwealth Relations. For the honorific task of moving the reply to the Queen's speech from the throne, Macmillan chose his son Maurice from the rank of Tory backbenchers. "Clearly, he must have a dearth of other material on his benches," commented an opposition M.P. acidly. Retorted a Tory: "It is a man of courage who is not afraid to allocate the posts in his ministry regardless of family relationships."

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The word from the boss's office was grim and to the point. Orders were falling off for the Pegaso trucks produced by the government-run plant in Madrid; hundreds of workers had to be laid off. Last month, the ax fell when 500 Pegaso workers were called into the boss's office. But instead of being fired, the men were offered a choice: If you resign right now, the government will give you emigration permits, allowing you to seek work in prosperous West Germany. All 500 Spaniards leaped at the opportunity. With industrial unemployment rising (it has doubled in the last year), prosperous West Germany has become the new El Dorado for Spanish workers. Every day, a long line of weary Spaniards stretches three city blocks in front of the German Immigration Commisión building in Madrid. Since May, when the commission was first set up to invite Spaniards to come help ease Germany's labor shortage, tens of thousands have begged for the chance. Crowds of others are clamoring for employment in France and Switzerland.

Most of the Spaniards in Germany work as artisans, waiters, and clerks. But even in the lowest-paid jobs their wages are twice as high as those they earn back home. Not surprisingly, 50,000 Spaniards are now waiting for visas in Madrid, another 50,000 in Barcelona. "I wouldn't call this an emigration," said one German official in Madrid. "It's an exodus."

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According to the historians of antiquity, Rome was founded by the brothers Romulus and Remus as a place for the delinquent youth of early Iron Age Latium, and was given permanence by the violation of 527 Sabine women. The traditional founding date is April 21, 753 B.C.--but the historians have long been fidgety about the exactness of that anniversary. Last month modern Rome's Department of Antiquities and Fine Arts showed proof that Rome had inhabitants several hundred years before the Romulus mob ever saw a Sabine woman. Last year Swedish Archaeologist Einar Gjerstad and Professor Antonio M. Colini, Rome's Director of Museums and Archaeological Excavations, started digging in a pit near a wall of the medieval church of St. Homobonus, patron saint of tailors. Penetrating 20 ft. down, they came to a layer of rubbly soil which they recognized as the earth-fill foundation of Roman temples of Mater Mututa, goddess of childbirth, and Fortuna, protectress of women who have been married only once. In this hallowed ground they found twelve fragments of dark brown pottery decorated with incised dots and geometrical figures. To skilled archaeologists, potsherds can almost talk. These twelve told Gjerstad, a specialist on ancient Rome, that they were made by the little-known "Apenninic" people who lived in the Italian Peninsula long before the beginning of even mythical history. They were not found where the original pots were used or broken, but must have come from some nearby place. The Romans had no reason to carry earth long distances. Professor Colini believes that Apenninic Rome may date back as far as 1400 B.C. Says Professor Gjerstad: "These are the oldest relics of civilization yet found in Rome. They pull back the history of Rome by 700 years."

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SPORTS SHOTS

The American League, stung by the invasion of the Yankees' monopoly in New York by one of the new National League teams, retaliated by announcing that it would have a team in Los Angeles by the 1961 season to share the National League's richest city with the Dodgers. In addition, the AL plans to shift the Senators to Minneapolis-St. Paul, replace them with a new team in Washington by next season. ... Dick Groat, 30, shortstop and captain of the Pittsburgh Pirates, was voted the National League's Most Valuable Player, for leading the league in hitting (.325) and providing the spark that ultimately led his team to the World Series victory. Roger Maris, 26, right fielder of the N.Y. Yankees, was named MVP of the AL, receiving three more votes than Mickey Mantle. ... Dan Topping, owner of the Yankees, announced that general manager George Weiss, 66, who had teamed with Casey Stengel to win ten pennants in the last 12 years, would be replaced by his assistant Roy Hamey, 58. ... The Japanese All-Stars, who couldn't beat a good minor-league team, beat the Orient-touring San Francisco Giants three times. ... Joe Bellino, 19, the hard-charging Navy halfback, was named the collegiate football player of the year in the annual Sporting News poll. The All-American team, headed by Bellino, included: Danny LaRose, an end from Mo. U.; Tom Brown, a guard from Minnesota; Mark Manders, a guard from Iowa; Bob Ferguson, a fullback from Ohio State; Mike Ditka, a Pittsburgh end; Ken Rice, an Auburn tackle; Jake Gibbs, a Miss. quarterback; Bob Lilly, a Texas Christian tackle; E.J. Holub, a Texas Tech center, and Bill Kilmer, a UCLA halfback. ... The University of Minnesota, after an amazing rise from football oblivion, will play Washington in the annual Rose Bowl game on Jan. 2 at Pasadena. ... Thomas J. (Tommy)Gibbons, who fought 106 bouts including one with Jack Dempsey in 1923, died at 69. ... Floyd Patterson's 18-year-old brother, Raymond, a heavyweight, will enter the Golden Gloves this winter and turn pro under his brother's management.

JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! It's me again.

This is my Christmas card for you.

I don't know about Christmas cards but the Boss said to make you a Christmas card.

Christmas is happy. I am happy.

I like toys. I like meat. I like pats. I like my yard.

I like dogs and babies and people.

Christmas is pretty. There are bright lights. There are pretty trees. There is snow. There are presents.

I will have a big red stocking. The Boss will hang it up at the fireplace. Then on Christmas it will be full of surprises.

This is my Christmas card.

I hope you have a happy day.

I hope you have a stocking full of surprises, too.

Merry Christmas!

Jannie Dinsmore

TRIVIA

DOWN THE DRAUGHT - In Rutland, Vt., the post office received a letter addressed to "Santa Claus" and signed by "Cindy" with the message: "I'll leave you a glass of ginger ale, and if you're still thirsty I could leave you two quarts of beer. Remember, my house is the one with the beer."

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THE EAVESDROPPER - Ernest Hogg of Grimsby, England, is threatening court action for removal of a TV cable running alongside his house. "I'm tired of picking up TV programs on my hearing aid," he explained.

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THE GOOD LIFE - The newspaper Moscow News says the government plans to enrich bread and other products with vitamins so that, among other things, a traveler setting out on a long voyage will not have to carry large amounts of vegetables.

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PASSING THE BUCK - In Hong Kong, sentenced to six months in jail for making bank-note plates in their apartment, Wong Shum and Lam Hin-shun explained that the plates were for Christmas cards.

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GIVE AWAY - Edgar Woods, 69, of Mineola, L.I., was arrested for disorderly conduct after snarling up traffic at a busy intersection dressed as Santa Claus.

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O LITTLE TOWN ... - In Newark, police and firemen set up ladders and nets in front of a department store when Leo Kotomski crawled out on its third-story ledge, disbanded when they learned that Kotomski was only looking over Christmas decorations.

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SCOTCH MIRACLE - A truck carrying 4,200 bottles of gin collided in Leith, Scotland, with a private auto belonging to a competing gin firm. Not a single bottle of gin was broken.

MARGINALIA

The American Medical Association served notice on President-elect Kennedy that it will marshal its "tremendous strength" in an effort to kill his proposed medical care for the aged program, which would tie such aid to the Social Security system. ... The Royal National Institute for the Blind said it planned to produce an unexpurgated Braille version of "Lady Chatterley's Lover," after a London jury lifted a 32-year-old British ban on the late D.H. Lawrence's controversial novel. ... Clark Gable, 59, all-time Hollywood star (lifetime box-office gross: $100 million), whose leading ladies spanned the era from Jean Harlow to Marilyn Monroe, died of a heart attack in Hollywood. ... Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, 31, wife of President-elect John F. Kennedy, gave birth, via an emergency Caesarean section, to a six-pound, three-ounce baby boy on November 25th. The Kennedys' first child, Caroline, 3, was also born by Caesarean delivery. ... A map of durable material designed for use by the blind has been developed by the Nova Scotia Museum of Science. The map, approved by the American Association of Instructors of the Blind, is made of fiber glass molding, with every topographical feature molded to scale. ... The Rev. Thomas Maisonet, pastor of the Roman Catholic Church in San Juan, P.R., said that San Juan's Mayor Dona Felisa Rincon de Gautier would be expected to do penance publicly through the radio, television or newspapers before she could receive communion. Her sin was having disobeyed an order by Puerto Rico's Catholic Bishops not to vote for Gov. Luis Munoz Marin's Popular Democratic party. ... Mack Sennett, pioneer movie producer who gave the world a thousand pictures and a million laughs, died at 76. Sennett--the brain behind the brainless Keystone Cops, the first man to capture the genius of Chaplin with a camera, the slapstick merchant who made throwing pies look more enjoyable than eating them--passed away after a long illness. ... Robert F. Kennedy, Presidential campaign manager for his brother, was sued for $150,000 in Supreme Court for

purportedly stealing the title of a book, "The Enemy Within." The plaintiffs, the Rev. Raymond de Jaeger, a Catholic missionary, and writer Irene Corbally Kuhn, said that Kennedy had taken the title from a tome they had co-authored eight years ago. ... Roby H. Heard, 38, night editor of the Los Angeles City News Service and a veteran newsman who was preparing a series of articles on Nazi-type youth activities in Southern California, was found beaten to death in his apartment. Los Angeles police were questioning two alleged members of a Nazi-style gang whom Heard had interviewed several times. ... Queen Mother Elizabeth obtained an injunction against David John Payne, 28, a former footman at Clarence House, her London home, restraining him from publishing any article or book about his period in the service of the Queen Mother. The first eight installments of Mr. Payne's memoirs appeared in a Paris newspaper last month before the legal action was taken. ... Rockwell Kent, 78, New York artist who is distinguished for his portrayals of American landscapes and figures, announced that he had donated the "great Kent Collection" to the Soviet Union. In Moscow, Kent said museums of his own country had declined to accept the collection after his appearance seven years ago before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. ... Elliott Roosevelt, 50, son of the late President, and Mrs. Patricia Peabody Whitehead of Phoenix, Ariz., were married. It was the fifth marriage for Roosevelt and the second for Mrs. Whitehead. ... Twenty-seven Governors and their wives spent two weeks in Argentina and Brazil to better relations between the U.S. and Latin American countries. ... A series of cyclones and tidal waves have killed at least 10,000 persons in East Parkistan. ... Sen. John L. McClellan (D. Ark.) announced he expects to show in a series of hearings opening Dec. 13 that "notorious underworld criminals and racketeers continue to control" Teamster locals under Hoffa's rule. ... Kemp Harrison was reelected Mayor of Warner Robins, Ga., eight days after he entered a federal penitentiary at Tallahassee, Fla., to serve a year and a day for violating federal bank laws. ... James C. Hagerty, press scretary to President Eisenhower,

will become vice president of the American Broadcasting Company in charge of news and public service, succeeding John Daly, who resigned from that post. The 48-year-old Daly will marry Virginia Warren, 31, eldest daughter of the Chief Justice. ... The West German Government's Censorship Board has classified as "dangerous to youth" a book titled "Of War and Peace" by Hans Ulrich Rudel, the most decorated veteran of the Nazi armed forces. The former air colonel says in his book that World War II was a holy war; glorifies the Hitler regime, and rationalizes Nazi atrocities. ... Chicago gang lord Tony Accardo, 56, was sentenced to six years in prison for income tax evasion. ... Ronda Pitts, a tiny two-year-old of Madison, N. J., saved the life of her unconscious aunt, Miss Helen Day, 42. The youngster dialed the telephone operator and sobbed that her aunt was sick. ... Heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson and his wife, Sandra, filed damage suits against the operators of a Rockville Centre, N. Y., beauty shop, alleging they refused to serve his wife because she is a Negro. The boxer asked $3,000 for the humiliation he suffered and, for his wife, $500. ... Princess Astrid, 28, daughter of King Olav V of Norway, will marry Johan Marin Ferner, 33, an Oslo commoner who was previously married. ... Prof. Heinz von Foerster, physicist at the University of Illinois, has calculated that Doomsday will come on Friday the 13th of November, 2026 A.D. On that date, or thereabouts, according to Prof. von Foerster, the human population will have expanded so far as to approach infinity and thus will automatically annihilate itself. ... After four years of one of the most celebrated show-business marriages since Tom Thumb, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Arthur Miller, 44, and movie actress Marilyn Monroe, 34, prepared for divorce. ... Dimitri Mitropoulos, 64, the austere Greek who became one of the world's most celebrated symphonic conductors, died of a heart attack while rehearsing at La Scala in Milan. ... McCormick Place, a $35 million exposition center on the shore of Lake Michigan, was dedicated last month. The center is three city blocks long and covers 10 acres.

From all of us to all of you, A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!--
the staff

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

November always seems to be a short month--with Election Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day. In addition, the Saturday afternoon football games, carried over radio and television, mark the end of the college football season, the exciting windup of which always seems to herald the Christmas holidays.

Whenever I can, I like to listen to the "Game of the Week" and find it very relaxing. Last Saturday, Yale and Dartmouth were fighting it out in traditional competition. The announcer described every play--giving the names of the chief participants each time. Toward the end of the second quarter a Dartmouth man was bringing the ball up to the twenty-two-yard line. Suddenly I heard the announcer say "Downed by Matt Black." It was my nephew's name. It wasn't a spectacular play such as a touchdown or a forward pass, but it was a good tackle, and his name came clearly over the airways. I was thrilled!

There is nothing that makes the years seem to pile up on us as much as watching children grow up. Here is my nephew, Matthew, six feet two, in his third year at college--yet it was only yesterday that he was a three-year-old, parading around the house in a football helmet that almost covered his eyes. Only yesterday he was an eleven-year-old youngster writing an article for "Touch--And--Go." It appeared in the February issue of 1952, "Scrambles" by Matthew W. Black, Jr. The scrambles were riddles he had made up himself. Only yesterday he was going through the various stages of telling moron jokes and shaggy dog stories, and confusing us with the latest slang. He was always enthusiastic about sports generally, but he showed the greatest ability in football. Naturally, in the last few years he has taken a growing interest in girls

Only yesterday he was a boy--today he is a man. And the years keep piling up!

But how thankful I am that Matt and others like him have grown up here in freedom, with the opportunity to shape their lives according to their own ideas. For this, and a thousand other reasons, we can be thankful this Thanksgiving Day.

Annette B. Dinsmore

NEWS DIGEST

"God's machine gun" was what they were calling the Rev. Dr. Billy Graham last month in West Berlin as he packed them into the big tent (capacity: 20,000) pitched in Republic Square, within easy preaching distance of the Communist sector. The reference was partly to the rapid-fire manner in which his nightly sermons were being delivered--and translated--and partly to the impact of his language. "God," he told one of his audiences, "has knocked on Germany's door and says: 'I want to be in first place'." Dr. Graham, whose advance guard started preparing the way in West Germany some eighteen months ago, wound up a three-week,three-city campaign in Berlin. His ads and placards were suppressed in the East sector of the city, but in the West his support had come from the top, from such stalwart men as the Rt. Rev. Otto Dibelius, Lutheran Bishop of Berlin-Brandenburg, who called him "the only great evangelist of our time." The daily B.Z. went even further: "Billy is like an electric shock. He looks like a radiant Archangel Michael (the Biblical captain of the heavenly host)." The handsome, 41-year-old evangelist insisted that he had come to Germany, "not as an American, but as a servant of the church representing the Kingdom of God." Nevertheless, East Berlin Communist officials charged him with being an agent of Wall Street a "warmonger and imperialist," and called his presence a clear "provocation." "The tent must go!" warned an editorial in the Communist Party newspaper, Neues Deutschland. Communist authorities tried hard to discourage East Berliners from crossing the border, and one evening 200 police linked arms against the crowd at the Brandenburg Gate. But hundreds managed to find other ways to get to the overflowing tent.

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To dog owners and, presumably, dogs, the colored, flavored dog biscuits proffered by the Gaines division of General Foods are just another goody. To Gaines, they are an important bid for a share of the $325 million spent each year to feed the nation's 26 million dogs. To Reed McDonald, head of the Texas Feed Control

Service, which regulates what gets into the diet of four-footed Texans, they are an abomination. McDonald's wrath was aroused a while back by the fact that the advertising and packaging of the Gaines biscuits are designed not for the dog, but for the customer. What does color mean, he asked, to an animal most scientists believe is color-blind? Moreover, he charged, the advertised flavors--chicken, vegetable, liver, milk--do not taste like fresh chicken, vegetable, liver, milk. Gaines defended the colors as a perfectly reasonable advertising device, "Humans connect up color with various flavors," a General Foods spokesman said. And a panel of human experts at the Arthur D. Little research firm in Cambridge, Mass., agreed that the biscuits did in fact taste as advertised. McDonald refused to accept any of this, and he and General Foods are currently barking at each other in two Texas courts. (Watching on the sidelines: The Federal Trade Commission, which ordered General Mills to stop flashing prime steaks on TV screens to plug its Surehart, which containes only dehydrated meats.) The whole thing probably won't be settled, one harassed Gaines official commented, "until we can get a dog who speaks the English language." A Texas observer added: "Or a judge that speaks dog."

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Another link between viruses and human cancer was forged last month in New York's Sloan-Kettering cancer research center on the East River. In the spick-and-span hamster laboratories, a team of researchers headed by pretty, brunette Dr. Helene Wallace Toolan has, for the first time, found a virus in a dozen varieties of human cancers that produce an entirely new type of malignancy in the lab animals. The symptoms: Domed head, flattened fore face, protruding eyes and tongue, absence of normal teeth, and fragile bone structure. For the last two years, Dr. Toolan has been injecting this human virus into newborn hamsters. Symptoms appear quickly and, as the virus passes from the hamsters to other animals, it increases in potency. All the infected hamsters die at an early age. What is this deadlier virus? "Under the electron microscope, it does not resemble any known animal tumor virus," Dr. Toolan told reporters. "To determine its exact nature, we are studying the tissues

of cancer patients, as well as non-cancerous patients. We want to know whether the virus exists in man before cancer starts. We are growing fresh virus in a test tube. Out of all this work may come another proof of the cancer-virus relationship."

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Just as the informers had reported, the secret entrance to a long and cramped tunnel could be found in a woodshed behind a two-story brick house in a certain city in Georgia. Police crawled through this tunnel and came upon an underground operation--busy but illegal. Its vats and driers were all functioning with commendable efficiency. But it wasn't turning out moonshine. For this was not hillbilly Georgia, U.S.A.; it was Georgia, U.S.S.R. What police uncovered in the Georgian Republic's capital city of Tiflis was an electrically lighted, two-level factory for the tanning of hides. It was operated by Azat K. Kazaryan who, for the second time in his business career, was caught in the act of committing private enterprise. An irrepressible entrepreneur in a country implacably opposed to private initiative, Kazaryan had been arrested five years before for building another such plant under his kitchen garden. For this he was sent to jail, but apparently not long enough. Now, facing another and stiffer sentence, his "face was pale, his eyes blank, his hands trembling," the Georgian Communist Party paper reported. It added, confidently, that "later Kazaryan will ... tell our investigators where and to whom he sold his products." When Kazaryan is forced to do that, the authorities may be surprised. For according to their own accounts, the factory not only produced sheet leather but also a variety of fancy shoes for which it had reliable suppliers and well-heeled customers. What's more, lamented the party journal, Kazaryan's factory consistently "fulfilled its plan," and "the income was not small."

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What could have been better for a Mother's Day television program on "This Is Your Life" than the heart-warming saga--unfurled as only Ralph Edwards can unfurl them--of Mrs. Betty Hahn? Plot: Self-sacrificing mother scrimps and saves

to get medical treatment for a gifted and sickly daughter. Mrs. Hahn could well be proud of the life described over the air; she was happily married, she had a devoted son, and now at last the bloom was on daughter Pauline's cheeks, the stage eagerly beckoning. But then came father's day: Last month, Abraham Hahn sued NBC and Edwards for $500,000, charging humiliation. The show went on, Hahn said, even though all concerned knew that he had already filed for divorce from Betty, that mother had haled daughter into court for keeping bad company, and that son Herbert had left the household. Mrs. Hahn broke down and admitted she had doctored the family portrait--explaining that she did it to promote Pauline's career--but balked at signing such a statment drawn up by NBC: "Why, it made me out to be one of those pushy, grasping stage mothers."

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The big jet from Paris touched down on New York's International Airport and a roly-poly figure of a man, looking every round inch the diplomat in his dark Homburg and maroon tie, Mauricio Rosal, 48, Guatemala's Ambassador to Belgium, briskly stepped out of the airliner and moved purposefully through U.S. Customs, carefully herding his luggage ahead of him. Apart from a thin attache case, which the visitor carried almost as a badge of ambassadorial rank, there were a number of heavier bags, including three large, black leather valises. As they had before, customs officials passed the bags without opening them, in deference to diplomatic convention, and the Ambassador rode off in a cab. But he was not unobserved. When the cab stopped, brushing aside his credentials, U.S. Bureau of Narcotics agents pulled open the trunk of the cab. There they found the three black leather valises, and inside the valises were 110 pounds of pure unadulterated heroin. It was the biggest narcotics haul ever made by the Federal government. Watered down for consumers, the drug, a morphine derivative, would have eventually brought $20 million on a thriving retail market in the U.S. With ex-Ambassador Rosal behind bars, U.S. narcotics agents heaved a particularly deep sigh of relief, for the investigation had been long, ticklish, and fraught

with potential international complications. Unable to account for much of the recent heavy flow of narcotics into the country, the government began to suspect last year that some diplomats were taking advantage of customs immunity. But who? Suspicion fell on Rosal, among others, because of his frequent, unexplained trips to this country, and because of the company he was keeping. But even after it was sure Rosal was the man, the government moved cautiously. "We just couldn't afford to make a mistake, especially with the United Nations in session," said George Gaffney, chief of the New York bureau of the U.S. Bureau of Narcotics. "It would have given Khrushchev something else to yell about."

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"We have no way of knowing whether the Soviets have stopped nuclear testing. It could be that they are...acquiring progress in the field of nuclear armament which we are foreclosed from because we are not testing." Thus John McCone, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, described the dilemma of an open society competing with the Soviet Union. Since October 1958, when President Eisenhower announced a moratorium on nuclear tests, to which the Russians agreed, the U.S. has lived up to its part of the bargain. But are the Soviets holding up their end? While U.S. scientists of the innocuously named AFTAC (Air Force Technical Application Center) are constantly checking air samples from high-altitude flights and earth-tremor records compiled by seismic stations rimming the Soviet Union, none of these detection networks could pinpoint A-tests held underground in the Russian heartland. AFTAC knows that new nuclear devices of up to a 20-kilotons yield--the size of the Hiroshima bomb and well within the range of desired battlefield weapons--could thus be tested clandestinely. Should the U.S. resume testing in view of this situation? The administration's position is to maintain the moratorium as long as the Geneva test-ban talks, now entering the third year, continue to make some progress, however slight. Certainly, no decision is likely until the new President takes over. But, McCone points out: "We cannot go on with this indefinitely."

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Cracking down on the press, and on artists and writers critical of state policies, as the French Government had been doing, was one thing. But when the authorities sternly announced recently that those wisecracking chansonniers--balladists and satirists who inhabit the theaters and night clubs--must submit their scripts for preview before appearing on the state-owned television and radio programs, the fun-poking began. Barred temporarily but allowed back on the air again, the chansonniers promptly let fly. Their target, of course, was censorship. A sample of their dialogue: STRAIGHT MAN (to chansonnier Robert Rocca): "How long before this broadcast did you have to submit your script to the censor?" ROCCA: "Two weeks." STRAIGHT MAN: "But I thought it was to be only one week." ROCCA: "Oh, my friend, that was under the Nazis." The main target of the gibes was President de Gaulle himself, and encouraged by the TV program, chansonniers picked up the refrain all over Paris and from there it was relayed out to the provinces. At the Deux Anes theater near the Place Pigalle, chansonnier Pierre-Jean Vaillard claimed to have heard de Gaulle say that "to lead France three are needed: God, myself, and Pope John." There is another alleged Gaullism: "The Algerian rebels will crumble under the weight of my speeches." Chansonnier Jean Lacroix compared de Gaulle to a car in the current Paris auto show. The de Gaulle model, he said, "can be stored in a garage for twelve years and come out in perfect running order. It is also equipped with a special device that plays the "Marseillaise" when the batteries start running low." After de Gaulle, the favorite target is Premier Michel Debre, who is widely quoted--or misquoted--as having said: "We will not end the war in Algeria before we bring the conflict to an end." Another chansonnier claims that whenever de Gaulle asks Debre what time it is, the Premier replies, "Any time you like, mon general." Debre himself is noted for solving problems by going off to Brittany--"he does it every time."Equally pungent comments are made on other government officials and celebrities in the news.

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SPORTS SHOTS

National League club owners, meeting in Chicago, expanded the circuit to ten teams by adding Houston and New York. The American League is also expected to vote new franchises (leading candidates: Dallas-Fort Worth and Minneapolis-St.Paul). ... Yankee president Dan Topping fired manager Casey Stengel, who led the Yanks to ten pennants and seven World Series victories in twelve years. The 70-year-old Casey received $160,000 in severance pay. ... Warren Spahn of the Braves, a 20-game winner for the 11th time, topped the balloting for the 1960 AP major league All-Star team selected. The Braves dominated the voting with third baseman Eddie Mathews, outfielder Hank Aaron and catcher Del Crandall, also named to the squad. Others chosen were first baseman Bill Skowron and outfielder Roger Maris of the Yankees, second baseman Pete Runnels of the Red Sox, shortstop Ernie Banks of the Cubs, outfielder Willie Mays of the Giants and right-handed pitcher Vernon Law of the Pirates. ... For leading the Pirates to their first World Series victory in 35 years, Danny Murtaugh was voted NL Manager of the Year in the annual AP poll. The Orioles' Paul Richards was chosen AL Manager of the Year. ... Ted Williams, 42, who recently bowed out of baseball, was named the American League Comeback Player of the Year for 1960. ... The AP voted the Cards' Stan Musial of the National League Comeback Player of the Year; while the Bucs' Bob Friend was accorded the same honor by the UPI. ... Jackie Jensen, the American League's Most Valuable Player of 1958, who quit baseball last fall, decided to return to the Red Sox. One of the reasons Jensen retired, at 32, was that he feared flying, which he has now overcome by hypnotism. ... Ralph Houk, the Yankees' new manager, named Johnny Sain, 43, a former mound star, as his pitching coach, replacing Eddie Lopat. ... The Yomiuri Giants spoiled the Japanese debut of the San Francisco Giants with a 1-0 victory to the delight of millions of Japanese fans. ... For the first time in fifteen years, a Big Ten team will not play in the Rose Bowl. Officials plan to match an Eastern school, perhaps Syracuse or Navy, against the top West Coast team.

JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! It's me again.

It's fun to go home from the office. I always try to bounce out of the big front door, but the Boss tells me "Steady." I have to quiet down.

There are lots of people rushing. I guess they like to go home too. I have to take the Boss around and between all those feet. There is almost no room on the sidewalk for us.

There are lots of cars in the street too. The cars are in a hurry to go home too, I think. I have to watch all of them when I take the Boss across the street because sometimes they turn corners.

Sometimes we go around by the store to go home. I like the store. I like the smells there. Sometimes we go through the park to go home. I like the park. There are steps there and there are always birds walking on the grass. I can make them fly up by bouncing just a little. I can't bounce much because the Boss tells me "Steady."

When we get home, the Boss gives me some meat. Then she gives me Gravy Train. Do you know about Gravy Train? It is little bumpy pieces. When the Boss puts warm water on the bumps, they make lots of gravy. It smells good.

I like meat best, but I do like Gravy Train too!

Goodbye!

Jannie Dinsmore

MARGINALIA

Saint-John Perse, 73, French poet, diplomat and explorer now living in the U.S., was awarded the 1960 Nobel Prize for Literature. The prize was given to Perse for "the soaring flights and evocative imagery of his poetry, which in a visionary fashion reflected the conditions of our time." ... Presidential aide Robert E. Merriam reported that long lines of Cubans were forming at the U.S. mission in Havana seeking visas to come to the U.S. Merriam and Florida Governor Leroy Collins announced plans to set up a federal-state-local committee to deal with the problem of Cuban refugees. ... Two West German jet fighters, flying over Holland at 1,000 miles per hour, narrowly missed ramming an RAF jet plane flying Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh after a weekend in Denmark. It was considered a serious threat to normally fragile Anglo-German relations, since all NATO commands had been warned that the Queen's plane would be making the flight. ... The American Civil Liberties Union filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court to kill precensorship of movies. The brief is against the city of Chicago, whose police commissioner imposes censorship on movies before permitting them to be shown to the public. ... President de Gaulle's government was given parliamentary approval to set up France's own atomic striking force outside NATO. During the debate, former Premier Guy Mollet charged that de Gaulle's policies are endangering Western unity. ... Three youths wearing swastika arm bands marched outside a theater in Hollywood protesting the scheduled marriage of Negro entertainer Sammy Davis, Jr., and Swedish actress May Britt. Rescued by police from an angry crowd, Leonard Holstein, 20, Fred Joseph, 21, and Roger E. Stanton, 19, said they were unofficial members of the American Nazi Party, with headquarters in Arlington, Va. ... The City Council of Highland Park, Michigan, has passed a law that no home may have more than three cats. Violators will be subject to a $50 fine, 90 days in jail or both. ... Socialist Party chairman Inejiro Asanuma, 61, avowed friend of Communist China and the militant leader of Japanese

opposition to the U.S.-Japan Alliance, was assassinated by Otaya Yamaguchi, a 17-year-old member of the Greater Japan Patriotic Society, a Nazi-like group ... Dr. Joseph Nissim, 46, a British scientist, discovered a chemical that causes a rapid weight loss regardless of how much food is eaten. The compound is trimethylhexadecylammonium, stearate, a distant relative of household detergent. ... The Lorenzo Marcello, a new Italian cargo-passenger ship bound for New Orleans, veered suddenly in a 500-foot channel at the mouth of the Mississippi River before dawn and tore a 135-foot furrow through a row of staterooms in the American vessel Alcoa Corsair. . . Nine persons were killed in their berths and more than a dozen others injured. ... Jazz trumpeter Louis Armstrong and his six "All Stars," on a 45-concert tour of African countries sponsored by the U.S. State Dept. and an American soft-drink firm, were banned in the Union of South Africa, because the 60-year-old "Satchmo" is a Negro. ... The Commerce Department banned all exports to Cuba except for medicines, certain medical supplies and food produced without federal subsidey. Simultaneously, the Maritime Administration made it illegal for American-owned ships to be sold, transferred or chartered to Cuba interests. ... Bridget Hayward, 21, aspiring actress-daughter of theatrical producer Leland Hayward and the late stage and screen star Margaret Sullavan, died of an overdose of barbiturates. Miss Hayward's death paralleled in many respects the passing of her renowned mother, who died last New Year's Day in the same manner. ... The Metropolitan Opera opened its 76th season on October 24 with Verdi's little known opera, "Nabucco." The ticket prices were raised to a new high, with seats in the parquet selling for $45 each. ... "You Have to Pay the Price," by Earl Blaik, was hailed as the "best football book ever written." The former West Point coach's autobiography, published last month, tells an exciting story of over forty years of rich football adventures. ... A gas-furnace explosion at the Metropolitan Stores, Ltd., a Windsor, Ont., department store, killed at least 11 persons and injured more than 75 others. ... John Barrymore, Jr., 28, received an eight-month suspended sentence in a Rome criminal court for resisting arrest and

insulting police during a street brawl. The son of the late John Barrymore was in Rome to marry Gabriella Palazzoli, a 23-year-old Italian starlet. ... A group of geologists headed by Prof. Andrew H. McNair of Dartmouth found evidence in the Canadian Arctic that 50 million years ago the North American Arctic enjoyed a tropical climate. The scientists found tropical marine and land reptile bones, fossilized plants and warm-water marine animals. ... Mrs. Marjorie Steele Hartford, 31, a former Hollywood cigaret girl, sought a divorce from her husband, Huntington Hartford, 48, heir to the A&P food chain, on grounds of infidelity and asked for a record $25 million in alimony. ,.. A movie, "Sacco and Vanzetti," will be filmed in Boston, where the two Italian anarchists were executed in 1927. ... Mrs. Elivera C. Doud, who died on September 28 at the age of 82, left her $100,000 estate to her daughters, Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower and Mrs. G. Gordon Moore. Mrs. Doud died in her home in Denver, where Ike and Mamie were married in 1916. ... FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover told the 42nd annual American Legion Convention at Miami Beach that Communist bloc countries have an estimate 300,000 trained spies working throughout the world, and that 70% to 80% of the Soviet satellite officials in the U.S. have some type espionage assignments. ... Smith College Prof. R. Joel Dorins, 41, and Edward E. Spofford, 29, an instructor in Greek, were given suspended sentences of a year and fined $500 on charges of possessing obscene pictures and literature. ... Ground was being broken on Manhattan's East Side for a new 800-room luxury hotel--the first hotel to be erected in Manhattan in 30 years. To be called the Americana of New York, it is being built by Laurence Alan Tisch, who put up Miami Beach's $17 Million Americana (where the 1960 AAWB Convention was held). ...French film star Brigitte Bardot--"the world's most beautiful woman," according to Maurice Chevalier--was released from St. Francois Clinic in Paris after a suicide attempt on her 26th birthday. ... Grace Metalious, 35, author of "Peyton Place," remarried George Metalious, 35, her first husband and father of her three children. They were married only a day after she divorced her second husband, disk jockey Thomas Martin.

TRIVIA

Milton Berle swears he was walking along the street one day when he noticed a poorly dressed man wearing dark glasses standing near a corner. The man had a white cane in one hand and a tin cup in the other, and was obviously soliciting alms. Berle walked by and dropped a couple of coins in the cup, but something prompted him to look back after he'd gone a few steps. He saw the man raise his glasses, look at the coins, and then pocket them. Berle strode back to the man. "What do you mean, posing as a blind man? You're no more blind than I am," he said. "Oh, I'm just substituting for the regular blind man," said the beggar. "He went to the movies. Me, I'm a mute."

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Actress Ethel Merman was having lunch in an open-air cafe in Central Park, her dachshund, Hansel, crouched at her feet. Hansel kept begging for food, but Miss Merman was dining on salad; there wasn't a thing for him. When the man at the adjoining table left, Ethel saw her chance; he'd left a whole lamb chop on his plate, which she quietly stole and passed to Hansel. He was just finishing off the bone when the man, who had been called to the telephone, returned.

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Chester Morris was on the program for a speech at a dinner in San Francisco, and he happened to be billed last, after a crowd of long and boring speechmakers. By the time he reached the platform it was nearly midnight, and the crowd was restless and uneasy. The toastmaster announced, "Mr. Chester Morris, the famous actor, will now give you his address." Morris rose, stated: "My address is the Lambs Club, New York," and sat down to the largest ovation of the evening.

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Edward Arnold sat down in a restaurant one night and ordered a steak. After the usual waiting time, it arrived; Arnold took one look at it and complained to the waiter, "This steak is certainly burned black." "Yes, sir," said the waiter. "A mark of respect, sir. Our chef died yesterday, sir."

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When Noel Coward was in Italy, he sent a picture postcard of the Venus de Milo back to a small boy he knew in America. On the back of it, he'd written: "See what will happen to you if you don't stop biting your nails."

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During the reign of Queen Victoria, Sarah Bernhardt appeared on the London stage in the role of Cleopatra. With fiery splendor she proceeded through the final moments of the role; she stabbed the slave who brought her news of Antony's defeat at Actium; she raved, wrecked the palace and finally, as the curtain came down, dropped in a heap in the wreckage. During a lull in the thunderous applause a British matron was heard to remark to her companion, in tones of great satisfaction: "How different, how very different from the home life of our own dear queen!"

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When Whistler, the famous artist, had finished a portrait of a well-known celebrity, he asked him whether he liked it. "I can't say I do," the man replied. "Mr. Whistler, you've got to admit that the picture is a bad work of art." "So it is," said Whistler calmly. "But then you must admit that you're rather a bad work of nature."

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Desi Arnaz owns an imposing fur-lined winter coat, and on one of his few ventures into a night club as a guest instead of a performer, he checked it at the coat-room. When he went to retrieve it, the check girl couldn't find it in her overstuffed cubicle. Desi waited around for half an hour, and finally stalked out into a snowstorm without it. The girl took one look and shouted, "Hey, you cheapskate! No tip?"

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Walter Slezak was persuaded to attend the dress rehearsal of a very serious play by a very serious young dramatist, but unfortunately slept through the greater part of the performance. The outraged author cornered him later: "How could you sleep when you knew how much I wanted your opinion on the play?" "Young man," Slezak informed him, "sleep is an opinion."

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Gypsy Rose Lee told Ethel Merman, at "Gypsy," about her town-house and marital status: "I've given up marriage for the time being. Although my house has 26 rooms, there still is no room for a man."

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

During our vacation at the Jersey shore this year, hurricane "Donna came roaring up the coast with her whirling winds and heavy rains. The night before her visit, after radio reports indicated that there was a possibility she might come our way, we put porch chairs inside and every other movable object either in the house or garage. From the early morning hours the next day we kept in touch with Donna's progress through special Weather Bureau reports broadcast every hour.

She kept her schedule and arrived at about nine a.m. Along with great gusts of wind, it began to rain in torrents, blowing in huge sheets from the northeast.

Trees swayed, television aerials tumbled, and we thought the rose arbor would crash through the window at any moment. We obeyed radio instructions and opened the windows a little on the west and south sides. This was to avoid allowing pressure to build up within the house, pressure which might blow out the windows.

A thrush clung to the screen on a west window near the chimney. As loosened strands of ivy thrashed around him, we wished it were possible for us to help him find a better shelter. Where had all the other wonderful birds, large and small, gone to get away from the storm!

We were snug and safe within the four walls of our house. It had been built years ago by a sea captain and was strong enough to withstand just such emergencies.

Suddenly the roaring stopped as the wind died. The rain disappeared, and the sun shown through the clouds. There was a loud silence. This, according to the Weather Bureau announcer, was a temporary lull - the "eye" of the hurricane. I had heard of this calm before, but it seemed

uncanny.

We hurried down to the beach. The ocean had been to the top of the dunes without breaking through. The receding water had left a mass of debris all over the sand and the waves were still jumping wildly across the entire surface of the sea as far out as the horizon. The ocean was like an angry monster that had been curbed from his prey.

When we returned to the house, the winds began picking up again - this time from the northwest. The bay, a block away, started to splash over the bulkhead and within a matter of minutes the second half of the storm was upon us. The reversed wind was as strong as before, but there was almost no rain. Soon the water from the bay began pouring across our land. We saw waves in the middle of the street and the spray blew as high as the roof, covering everything with salt.

We watched the water mount on the lawn until it reached the porch steps - then after the peak of the high bay tide, we could see it drop as fast as it had risen. The hurricane was over. However, the flooded streets kept people marooned for several more hours.

Strangely enough, neither Rusty, the cat, nor Jannie, the dog, showed any concern during all the excitement of Donna. We wondered how they knew that Donna was posing no real threat to us. And they were right! Donna left us breathless, but thankful that our damage was limited to trees and shrubbery. Even the rose arbor remained standing.

NEWS DIGEST

"Poor organization and failure to run stronger candidates" beat his party in many areas in 1958, wrote Vice President Richard Nixon in a post-mortem after the Democrats won the House of Representatives 283 to 158. Since then Nixon & Co. have been beating the bushes to recruit articulate, attractive young Republicans to run for Congress. Last month 167 of 1960's crop of new Republican candidates paid their way to the capital, where the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee picked up hotel and food tabs and put on a two-day cram course on how to influence voters and win elections. Behind closed doors the old timers showed some trade secrets. Ohio Congressman Bill Ayres exhibited a sample children's coloring book with his picture on the cover. California's Bob Wilson had his popular Bob Wilson's Cookbook on display. Pennsylvania Candidate James H. Mantis told about his campaign pin--a golden praying mantis. But the stress was less on gadgets than on issues; such topflight Congressmen as Minnesota's Walter Judd, Michigan's Gerald Ford and Illinois' Les Arends joined with Administration experts in seminars on foreign relations, national security, the economy, fiscal policy and space. In a representative cross section polled, only a few chose to identify themselves as middle-of-the-roaders. A substantial majority arranged themselves solidly with Arizona's Barry Goldwater, guiding spirit of G.O.P. conservatives.

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Well-tamed New Yorkers have long since learned that to stray beyond the floodlights in the city parks at night is to invite a holdup, a mugging or worse. But Columbia University Professor Karl H. Menges, 52, who has seen some wild places in his time, thought he was in a civilized country as he took his evening walk one night past Morningside Park, which borders the Columbia campus. Half a dozen teenagers stopped him, asked for a match, then as he hesitated beat him over the head with a heavy board and knocked him bleeding to the ground. Professor Menges got to his feet, whacked out with his walking stick and sent them running. Next morn-

ing he whacked out just as resoundingly at the city that lets such things happen. "I have traveled alone unarmed, all through the Caucasus, Turkey, Russian Turkistan, Persia, occasionally among primitive tribes supposed to be hostile to white men," said Central Asian Language Specialist Menges. "I have also gone among bandits in such places and never been molested. But here in a so-called civilized city, in the evening on a lighted street near a large university, I am attacked by jungle beasts. I do not think such things should be tolerated."

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Like so many German scientists, engineer Manfred Gerlach, 55, came out of the wreckage of Hitler's Reich better off than ever. When the Russian armies overran East Germany in 1945, Gerlach was one of a team of Junker jet experts hauled off to Russia to teach tricks of the trade to Russia's aircraft designers. Returned to Communist East Germany in 1954, he was put in charge of a plant to develop engines for the BB-152, the jet airliner that was to be the crowning glory of East Germany's new aircraft industry. The job was full of perks and prestige. It was a project dear to the heart of East Germany's Communist Boss Walter Ulbricht. Ulbricht poured an estimated $60 million into a vast complex of plants around Dresden, assigned 20,000 workers to the task. East Germany's Communists tut-tutted at West Germany for buying its airliners abroad, and Neues Deutschland boasted that the BB-152--a stubby four-engine turbojet designed to travel 500 m.p.h. and land safely on only 3,300 ft. of runway--would put the East Germans "into the forefront of international commercial aviation." Unfortunately, Ulbricht & Co. were in too big a hurry to get out front. When Nikita Khrushchev dropped in at the Leipzig Trade Fair in the spring of 1958, a life-sized mock-up of the BB-152 was one of the main attractions. Ulbricht could contain himself no longer. Over the protests of his engineers, who insisted the plane needed significant changes in fuselage and engine design, Ulbricht ordered the first prototype BB-152 into the air. Minutes after it took off, the jetliner crashed into a hillside, killing its four crew members. Such a failure was no mere disaster: it had to be a crime.

Last month, after eleven months in prison, Manfred Gerlach was brought into a Dresden court charged with sabotage and was sentenced to life imprisonment. The great BB-152 has yet to get off the ground.

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Every election year Los Angeles' City News Sevice conducts a telephone poll of Los Angeles residents on a few major ballot choices, supplies the results to local newspaper clients. The polling is carried out mostly by college students, who pick the names at random from metropolitan Los Angeles' five phone books. Over the years, editor Joseph Quinn has come to expect about 1,500 replies out of 3,000 calls. But this year things went wildly wrong. C.N.S's results in last month's poll on Nixon v. Kennedy, plus two local ballot questions: Total calls made: 3,812. Hung up without listening to a single question: 2,107. Listened to at least one question (usually only one), but refused to answer any because "all polls are rigged," or something to that effect: 1,671. Willing to answer: 34. Undecided on Kennedy v. Nixon: 15. And how did the 15 votes divide between Kennedy and Nixon? Nobody at the C.N.S. is sure. "We were so shocked," explains Quinn, "that nobody remembered to tabulate the final answers before we threw the stuff away. Obviously, people have completely lost confidence in polls. Maybe the scientifically conducted ones are still O.K., but I wouldn't want to bet even on that."

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The word got out when a gaggle of fashion reporters scissored into Jacqueline Kennedy's Waldorf-Astoria suite in Manhattan to gab about clothes and to see her try on some new maternity dresses ($30 to $40 apiece). Jackie, they discovered, was upset about a New York Times Sunday Magazine story reporting that many women are disturbed over her "devil-may-care chic." A housewife, said the Times, sniffed that Jackie "looks too damn snappy." The Times also went on to lift a story from Women's Wear Daily, which reported that Jackie spends about $30,000 a year for togs at famous Parisian houses, such as Cardin, Gres, Balenciaga, Chanel, Givenchy. She buys avantgarde models, added Women's Wear breathlessly, and most of the big

designers keep a Jacqueline Kennedy fashion dummy close by for fittings. "I'm sure I spend less than Mrs. Nixon on clothes. She gets hers at Elizabeth Arden, and nothing there costs less than $200 to $300," Jackie defended herself. Tracked down at Atlantic City, Pat Nixon, who was wearing a turquoise wool Jersey dress (Lord & Taylor, "about $49"), replied coolly to questions from newsmen: "I buy my clothes off the racks of various stores around Washington and, sometimes, in New York." Thus a new issue was added to the Presidential campaign last month: women and wardrobes.

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"Judas Iscariot sold out for 30 pieces of silver--but I bought Christian ordination for $50. I am an ordained minister--and ashamed of it ..." This is the melodramatic way reporter Bill Jones of the Long Beach, Calif., Independent started off his series of "confessions" on one of the nation's most disgraceful rackets, and one that is untouched by law: Quick "ordination." The "church" to which Jones refers is not only undenominational but unnamed: his "Certificate of Ordination" merely reads: "Know Ye--Rev. William Jones has been duly ordained at the request of Kingdom Bible Institute, Dallas, Texas, and is hereby entitled to all rights and privileges, Marriage, baptism, burial--accorded a minister of the gospel under the ecclesiastical and statutory laws of the United States of America." In ten weeks of undercover work, in cooperation with the California attorney general's office, the 30-year-old feature writer established relations with eight "religious" organizations in several states. He says that for $200 he could have become a "bishop" in New Thought Science, Inc., 4415 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles. Because his newspaper expense account would not stretch that far, he became qualified as a "Neophyte," or faith healer, for the modest sum of $30. The Church of Light, Box 1523, Los Angeles, made him a Stellarian--"whatever that is." All he had to do was promise to hand over his proxy for annual church meetings to the organization's president. Jones, who has been with the Independent a little over a year, is a genuine Roman Catholic layman (who once thought of becoming a real priest) and glad his religious undercover job is over.

MEETING ON DEAF-BLINDNESS AT THIRTY-FOURTH CONVENTION OF A.A.W.B.

At the 34th convention of the A.A.W.B., at Miami Beach, a special meeting on deaf-blindness, "Signposts in Services for the Deaf-Blind," was held on the evening of August 30th in the Bal Masque Room of the Americana Hotel, chaired by Miss Annette B. Dinsmore, Program Specialist, Services to the Deaf-Blind, American Foundation for the Blind.

After a scintillating introduction to the evening's program by the chairman, your editor was the first speaker. His paper, "Reader Reaction," explained Touch--And Go's role in the Foundation's program of services to the deaf-blind, stressing the importance of news in braille to those without hearing and sight. The audience reaction to "Reader Reaction" was gratifying, judging by the number of persons who came onto the stage after the talks to chat with him via Tellatouch.

The second speaker was Dr. Edward J. Waterhouse, Director, Perkins School for the Blind, Watertown, Massachusetts, who spoke on "Training Teachers of Deaf-Blind Children." The distinquished director briefly sketched the history of teaching deaf-blind children in America, which began in 1837 when deaf-blind Laura Bridgman came to Perkins. Dr. Waterhouse said that no significant progress was made in teacher-training from that time until 1956, when a program was launched to train teachers for deaf-blind children at Boston University in cooperation with Perkins. Dr. Waterhouse said that as a result of this program's success the Deaf-Blind Department at Perkins now has approximately thirty pupils and a faculty membership of seventeen, compared with five children and three teachers in the early 1950's.

The next speaker, Miss Betty G. Riley, Field Worker, Services to the

Blind, American Foundation for the Blind, titled her paper "A New Look at Deaf-Blind Children." Miss Riley asserted that deafness and blindness is not a double handicap but a multiple one; that over forty percent of the children reported to the Foundation as deaf-blind are also reported to have at least one other physical disability, and that many of the children display a grossly retarded level of functioning. Miss Riley described a program which was set up in 1957 at Syracuse University, in cooperation with the Foundation, to study such preschool children and to make recommendations to their parents and professional workers.

Next to be heard was Miss Annette B. Dinsmore, who spoke on "Needed Research in Employability of Deaf-Blind Persons." Miss Dinsmore said that ".... we have long felt the need for reaching some solution to the employment problem of deaf-blind people and we are planning to request funds from the federal government through OVR to study the employment possibilities for these people and their potential employability..." Miss Dinsmore said the Foundation has obtained the services of a research specialist as a part-time consultant to draw up the necessary design or proposal. After the proposal is drawn, and approved by both AFB and OVR, the project will be launched March 1, 1961, Miss Dinsmore said.

Next at the lectern, with a paper, "Research into the Aspects of Auditory Perception," was Dr. Moe Bergman, Director, Speech and Hearing Center, Hunter College, and Coordinator, Speech and Hearing Project, Industrial Home for the Blind, Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Bergman described a research and development program for hard-of-hearing blind (partially supported by OVR and AFB) at the Industrial Home to reduce, or eliminate, the complicating effects of hearing impairment in blind persons. Dr. Bergman said that a key to the efficient use of hearing as a tool for physical orientation, mobility and social effectiveness in blind persons is two-eared, or binaural, hearing; in hard-of-hearing blind persons it is

the use of binaural hearing aids - a separate aid in each ear - (when this is practical.

The final speaker, Richard Kinney, Assistant Director, Hadley School for the Blind, Winnetka, Illinois, was really the man who wasn't there - that is, his address, "Report from Rome," was heard via tape-recording. Mr. Kinney described his 1959 trip to Rome, to attend the World Assembly of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind as a member of the Committee on Services for the Deaf-Blind of that organization. Mr. Kinney recounted the fun and social life he enjoyed aboard ship, the interesting places he visited - Naples, Capri, Pompeii, Florence, and Rome itself - and the memorable audience with Pope John XXIII he was granted. Summarizing the Commettee's work, Mr. Kinney said it proposed basic criteria for service to deaf-blind people throughout the world, advocated a standardized form of printing in the palm as a universal communication method and commended all other communication methods that offer practical help to those who use them.

Sam Chermak

SPECIAL NOTICES

(The following merchandise is being offered for sale by deaf-blind persons. Orders should be accompanied by cash, check or money order; requests for information, by a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Postage on all orders will be paid by the sender.)

Miss Florene Davis, Route 1, Box 187-A, Leander, Texas, is selling a novel, dagger-shaped stationery knife useful as a mail opener. This handy item, made of plastic, may be had in blue, red, green, ivory or gray, for fifty cents.

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W. Ray Logan, 43 Brown Street, Barberton, Ohio, printer of high-quality Braille greeting cards for all occasions, is now ready with his 1960 line of colorful, cheery Christmas cards. Price: six cents each; one dollar for a box of eighteen. Cards may be personalized for a slight charge of ten cents per box. Orders should be received before December 10.

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Lewis Hertzberg, 2480 16 Street N.W., Washington 9, D.C., dealer in personalized stationery and paper items, is offering two attractive lines of ink-printed Christmas cards with your name printed on each card: a box of forty, one design or assorted, for $2; a box of 25, for $2.50. This offer is limited to the U.S. and expires Nov. 15. Mr. Hertzberg also handles name-and-address labels, rubber stamps, clothes-marking labels and other personalized items.

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SPORTS SHOTS

In the 1960 Olympics at Rome, Russia, with a final flurry of scoring in gymnastics and weightlifting, outdistanced the U.S. in gold medals (43 to 34) and in unofficial points 807½ to 564½. But in individual performance--the true purpose of the games--U.S. stars sparkled: Scoring heavily in weight events, Rafer Johnson, 26, a UCLA graduate student, set an Olympic record of 8,392 points;Don Bragg, 25, U.S. Army, "the handsomest athlete in Rome," pole-vaulted 15 feet 5 1/8 inches, 6 inches above the previous Olympic record; track and field star Wilma Rudolph, 20, of Clarksville, Tenn., won three gold medals--a feat no male or female of any country duplicated in the 1960 Olympics; in broad jump, Mississippi's Ralph Boston, 21, soard 26 feet 7 3/4 inches to break by 2 1/8 inches the Olympic record Jesse Owens set in 1936; in swimming, California's Chris von Saltza, 16, won the 400 meters in 4:50.6 to smash the Olympic record by three full seconds. ... Ted Williams, 42, baseball's most colorful slugger, has announced his retirement after 22 seasons with the Red Sox. With five games remaining, Williams has 520 home runs, is third in the all-time derby, only 14 behind Jimmy Foxx. ... In the U.S. Amateur Golf finals, Deane Beman, a University of Maryland senior, defeated Bob Gardner, 6 and 4, for the title. ... Australia's Neale Fraser firmly established himself as the finest amateur tennis player in the world by blasting countryman Rod Laver, 6-4, 6-4, 10-8, to retain his U.S. singles championship. In the women's finals, California's Darlene Hard upset Brazil's defending champion, Maria Bueno, 6-3, 10-12, 6-4. ... Maurice Richard, 39, the leading scorer in National Hockey League history (626 goals for Montreal) and Lou Groza, 36, the leading scorer in pro football history (1,001 points for the Cleveland Browns), decided to retire. "The game's too fast for me," Richard admitted. "My back hurts," said Groza. ... For the first time in 33 years the Pirates will play in a World Series, against the N.Y. Yankees beginning October 5.

JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! It's me again.

Sylvia and Denise are little girls. They have little hands and sweet voices. They like to run and jump. They like to play with me. They like me.

Sylvia and Denise came for three days and three nights. They called me "Nice Doggie." They patted my head and my back. They sat on the floor with me. They rubbed my tummy.

When I got up, they followed me all around the house. Sometimes their mother said, "Don't bother the dog." Then they went away from me. But I got up and followed them every time.

The Boss said it was because I like attention. I don't understand "attention", but I did like those little girls.

One time someone picked up Sylvia and started rolling her over. I came running. Sylvia was laughing, and it was just "playing". But I had to be sure she was safe.

I always have to keep track of the Boss. But for three days I had to keep track of Denise and Sylvia, too.

I was very busy.

Goodbye!

Jannie Dinsmore

During the farewells on his departure from the United Nations, Henry Cabot Lodge received a cable from Rome informing him that the Knights of Malta--a top Roman laymen's order--had awarded him their Grand Cross of Merit. ... Arkansas' Governor Orval Faubus and Florida's Governor-elect Farris Bryant gave the Kennedy-Johnson ticket a gingerly endorsement, but made it clear that they will have no truck with the Democratic platform, especially its hateful civil rights plank. ... The 150-member General Presbytery of the Assemblies of God, an evangelical church with some 1,000,000 members, met in Springfield, Mo., and unanimoulsy adopted a resolution opposing a Roman Catholic as President of the U.S. ... Ex-ballplayer Jackie Robinson joined the campaign retinue of Vice President Richard Nixon as a speechmaker and Negro policy adviser. The Kennedy-leaning N.Y. Post promptly withdrew Robinson's daily column from circulation for the duration of the campaign. ... According to reports from Tanakpur, India, the Chinese expect to have their first nuclear bomb ready by 1961; their first test explosion probably would be set off late next year in Tibet. ... Dr. Svtatoslav Fedorov, head of the Cheboksary branch of the Helmholtz Eye Diseases Research Institute in Chuvash Soviet Republic, successfully replaced the defective lens of Lena Petrova, a schoolgirl blind in one eye since 2, with a flexible glass substitute. The girl's eyesight was fully restored by the rare operation, Tass reported. ... Henry N. Taylor, 32, Scripps-Howard news writer, winner of the 1959 Ernie Pyle Memorial Award, and only son of Henry J. Taylor, Ambassador to Switzerland, was killed by gunfire in the Congo--the first foreign correspondent to lose his life there. ... According to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, more that 1,500,000 serious crimes were committed in the U.S. in 1959, an increase of 1 per cent over 1958; 69 per cent more crimes in 1959 than in 1950 and 128 per cent more than in 1940. "Unless positive steps are are taken to check this rising crime trend, this country will face a crime problem

of emergency proportions in the years ahead," Mr. Hoover said. ... Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers, 79, Republican from Massachusetts, dean of women in Congress (serving since 1925), died of a heart attack. ... A Pan American World Airways jet flew nonstop from Chicago to London in a record 6 hours, 55 minutes. A Pan American spokesman said the DC-8 averaged 610 miles per hour on the 4,140-mile trip. ... Joel R. Dorius, a Smith College professor, was arrested and charged with possession of obscene matter, and lewdness, making him the third Smith faculty member to be arrested on such charges in less than a week. The investigation of morals charges against the first two faculty members arrested--both males--has extended to other colleges, including two in New York state. ... Comedian Eddie Cantor, 68, suffered a heart attack August 22. Doctors said the banjo-eyed singer would have to remain hospitalized for some time. ... Insect pests, floods and drought have devasted 33 million acres of crop land in four Communist Chinese provinces, causing one of the worst food shortages since the Communists took over in 1949. ... Nancy Anne Fleming, 18, of Montague, Mich., a brunette with gray-green eyes, was crowned Miss America, at Atlantic City, N.J. The new beauty queen is 5 feet 6, weighs 116 pounds and measures 35-22-35. ... Grandma Moses, noted for her paintings of the horse-and-buggy days, celebrated her 100th birthday. ... Jean Ann Kennedy Smith, 32, youngest sister of Democratic Presidential Nominee John F. Kennedy, and Stephen Edward Smith, 32, of Manhattan, announced the birth of their second son, William Kennedy. ... The British Admiralty disclosed that it possesses a new, top-secret sonar device which can pinpoint the position of enemy submarines up to 10 miles away--twice the range of current U.S. systems. ... The U.S. Court of Appeals refused to block the appointment of Terence F. McShane, a former FBI agent, as chief monitor of the Teamsters Union. The refusal was another setback for Teamster President James R. Hoffa, whose union has been in constant litigation for almost three years over the monitor issue. ... Lutheran-reared ex-film star Gloria Swanson, 61, was named trustee of a Buddhist temple about to be built at Idyllwild, Calif.

TRIVIA

It was Donald David, head of Harvard's Graduate School of Business Administration, who said that Harvard and knowledge are considered synonymous: "There is a great deal of knowledge at Harvard. That's because the freshmen bring in so much and the seniors take out so little."

When Gen. Eisenhower took office as president of Columbia University, he asked one of the deans: "Are you surprised?".... "I like and admire you, but I must confess to surprise," said the dean. "After all, how would you feel if today I suddenly was appointed a general?"

At one of Eisenhower's first meetings with the Columbia faculty he said he was delighted to be "here, where you've found truth." Prof. Irwin Edman, the philosopher, muttered the correction: "Not found. Seek. Seek, seek, ever-seeking."

The late New York-born and London-raised Sir Louis Sterling received an honorary degree from London University. When the vice chancellor asked him where he'd received his schooling, Sterling facetiously replied: "The New York, New Haven & Hartford." The vice chancellor nodded: "Good schools, all."

Dr. Charles A. Beard, the historian,lived in a New England town. The postmaster asked him: "What kind of doctor are you?" Dr. Beard said he was a doctor of philosophy. The postmaster said: "Don't seem to recollect we ever had a case of that around here."

Leo McCarey, the Academy Award-winning director-screenwriter, saw a story his young daughter wrote for her English class. He disapproved of it and said if there was one thing he knew it was story-line. "Let me show you how i'd do it," said the man who'd earned millions doing it. He wrote it himself. His child's teacher marked it "D."

A college interviewer questioned Ethel Waters, the Broadway star, about her education. She told him she'd gone through Swarthmore in two weeks, "on my knees,

as a cleaning-woman."

A famed American economist saw the economics questions his son had to answer for a class at Harvard. The economist answered the questions. The teacher marked the paper "F" ... His son said: "I thought you knew econimcs?" ... "I do," said the father. "I didn't know Harvard."

During a New York rainstorm after a Broadway premiere, Margaret Leighton shielded Adlai Stevenson by covering him with her pink satin coat. "I'm entitled to wear a robe like that," said Stevenson. "It goes with the honorary doctorate they gave me at Oxford."

A Harvard educator once visited UCLA and got a guided tour from Kenneth MacGowan, the theatrical writer who taught there. They noticed the students on the campus and the visitor asked: "How many are there?" ... "Thirteen thousand," said MacGowan ... "Thirteen thousand students?" asked the Harvard professor ... "No, 13,000 enrolments," MacGowan said. "But students? I'd say about one out of every hundred."

Dr. Grayson Kirk, president of Columbia University, succeeded Gen. Eisenhower, who succeeded Nicholas Murray Butler. Dr. Kirk has no political ambitions. He said: "My predecessor-once-removed wanted the Presidency of the United States but didn't get it. My immediate predecessor didn't want the Presidency, but got it. I never want it, nor will I get it."

When Ralph Bunche received the Nobel Peace Prize he expressed a hope that he could return to the teaching profession. "This job is giving me ulcers," he said of the UN assignment in Palestine. "I'd like teaching school again: I've never heard of a school teacher having ulcers."

Ralph Bunche, Jr., worked this past summer as a copy-boy for the Long Island Star-Journal. At the end of the first week the 16-year-old youngster showed his copy-boy's salary check to Dr. Bunche, who said: "That's more than I got with a Ph.D. teaching at Howard University."

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WRITING READABLE BRAILLE

Isn't it true that the only reason for writing to anyone is to communicate to the person what you want to tell or ask him? What you wish to say or ask may be of extreme importance to you or to the friend on whose behalf you are writing. But your letter will bring results only to the extent that your writing can be made out. The more important you consider your request or your problem, therefore, the clearer your writing must be. Here are some instances when your writing should be especially readable:

1. When writing names of persons, streets, avenues, towns, cities or states. Avoid abbreviating all names except the name of a state, and this only when you are sure of the accepted abbreviation for the particular state.

2. When writing braille numbers, no matter what the number refers to--address, date, dollars and cents, a serial or model number, a person's age, and so on. Rubbing out a number or part of a number and then writing over it to correct a mistake always leaves the reader in doubt as to whether the rubbed-out dots were crushed in transport or deliberately rubbed out. It is better to cross out completely the wrongly-written number with "for" signs (dots #1-2-3-4-5-6) and then just write it again correctly.

3. When writing the name of a home, hospital or other institution; of a company, center, factory, library, etc. Also, when writing the names of specific commercial products, for example, Baby Ben clock.

4. In general, when you write to tell or ask something which, in your own opinion, is very important. It may be something about yourself or about someone on whose behalf you are writing.

In this connection, it might be well to be particularly careful if you like to use grade-three braille. Grade Three, as many of you know, is an extension of grade-two braille, and this means that the only way you can write Grade Three so

that it can be easily read is for you to have a thorough knowledge of the rules that govern the use of both grade-two and grade-three contractions. For example, the grade-three sign dots 1-5-6 stands for the letters "se," but only when these letters end the word. If you use the sign in a word like "seep," the reader has to figure out whether you're using the sign to mean the letter "se" or "wh," since the sign is the same for both letter-groups and gets its meaning only from its position in a word.

You might find it very helpful to proofread each page of your letter as you complete it and then again after you have folded or rolled it up, before sealing it. At first this may seem like a waste of time, especially if in the process you discover that a page must be done over again. But if we agree that the one and only reason for writing is for the reader to know what you wanted to say, then there can be no greater waste of time than sending a letter out that cannot be read in whole or in part.

Below are some arithmetic signs which you might find helpful:

cent sign ¢ 65¢ (sixty-five cents)

decimal point . (dots 4-6) .7 (seven-tenths)

dollar sign $ $10 (ten dollars) $4.75 (four dollars and seventy-five cents)

fraction-line / 1/2 (one-half) 3½ (three and one-half) 20/200 (twenty-two hundredths)

letter sign : (dots 5-6) Avenue F

percent sign % 10% (ten percent)

Carl Rodgers

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NEWS DIGEST

For weeks, Soviet and Chinese Communist leaders have been screaming at each other in the most unabashedly public row between Communist states since Tito's Yugoslavia broke away in 1948. Last month the dispute was officially closed when the two governments and ten other Communist states signed an agreement in Bucharest upholding Nikita Khrushchev's doctrine of peaceful coexistence. Proclaimed Peking's Madame Sun Yat-sen: "It is simply a lie" that Red China--as so many Chinese orators and editors had been saying at the top of their voices--opposed coexistence with "the imperialists." Beyond the polemics, the practical facts of life dictate that Peking and Moscow will stick together, and that Moscow will generally get its way. The Chinese are dependent on the Soviet Union for their atomic protection, and it is Russia that must provide the heavy machinery without which China cannot pretend to be a great power. Since 1950, the Russians have delivered to China an estimated $4 billion in credits, including 291 industrial projects. They have given China a small experimental nuclear reactor and a cyclotron--but no atomic weapons. The Russians provide all China's jet aircraft, much of its heavy military gear. Nearly all of China's avaiation fuel is still brought by rail from the Soviet Union, creating a strategic dependence on Moscow for a prime material of war.

The proud Chinese are making prodigious efforts to repay the Russians for their aid and to free themselves of their need for it (officials "hope" they will be self-sufficient in machine-tool production by 1970). They keep their Soviet technicians apart in a suburb of Peking and forbid their own students in Russia to marry or keep company with Russians. Chinese power is growing, and the differences grow as the junior partner grows. But two facts are clear: 1) China is still junior; 2) it is still a partnership.

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Nowhere--not the Rue de la Paix in Paris, Regent Street in London, the Via Condott in Rome--is there a shopping paradise quite so rich and stately as New

York's Fifth Avenue. And woe to the man who endangers its standing as the epitome of luxury. Last month, one of the premiere guardians of Fifth Avenue's elegance, Tiffany & Co., went to court to stop the city from accepting an $862,500 gift from A&P heir Huntington Hartford for a sidewalk cafe on the Fifth Avenue-Plaza corner of Central Park. The suit charged that erecting the cafe would constitute illegal use of park land and, warned Tiffany chairman Walter Hoving, would "cheapen" the neighborhood. "By (its) very nature ... this kind of cafe has to be popular-priced, and this would attract loiterers. We don't need them." Hoving had vigorous backing from the Fifth Avenue Association, a merchants' group which guards against such nonallowables as neon lights and overhanging signs, the Citizens Union, the Municipal Art Society, the Fine Arts Federation, and the Park Association. All these groups--but by no means all New Yorkers--agreed that the cafe would encroach on the city's precious park space. As Hoving put it: "Got to have some green space in a big city like this." Even against such impressive opposition, the cafe may very well be built. Hartford (who, moreover, may increase his gift) has the support of Mayor Robert Wagner and Park Commissioner Newbold Morris. Possibly even more important, the irrepressible Robert Moses, long the city's vigilant overseer of parks and now head of its 1964 World's Fair, is on Hartford's side. To Fifth Avenue merchants, Moses has given this biting reassurance: "The cafe's clientele will not diminish the number of expense-account executives who trade in the area."

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The 30 prisoners, roped together in groups of five, filed last month into a dilapidated Seoul courtroom. In a wide plaza two blocks away, a sweltering crowd of 30,000 grim-faced Koreans listened to the proceedings over loudspeakers set up for their benefit. Cordons of police and barriers of barbed wire kept the vengeful crowd away from the courtroom itself. The judge asked the first defendant his name. "Choi In Kyu." Age? "Forty-two," Occupation? "Unemployed." Assets? Choi answered: "Since the mobs of demonstrators burned down my house last April, I now possess properties worth only from $40,000 to 60,0000." To the listening

Koreans, Choi In Kyu needed no introduction. As Home Minister in ex-President Syngman Rhee's Cabinet, U.S.-educated Choi had controlled the much-feared Korean national police. Standing trial with him were nine other Rhee ministers, the former national police director, other top police officials, bankers and 13 chieftains of Rhee's discredited Liberal Party. The prosecutor charged that the defendants had stuffed ballot boxes, raised election funds through extortion, forced 100,000 government workers to campaign for Rhee's candidates, fabricated results to suit themselves. In cases where over-enthusiastic field workers turned in results showing 90% or more in favor of Rhee's ticket, provincial governors and police chiefs were ordered to reduce the vote count so that Rhee would get a more plausible 80%, his running mate Lee Ki Poong a few percentage points less. Choi pleaded guilty to five charges, admitting that he had oredered ballot boxes stuffed with up to 40% of the total expected vote even before the polls opened, had local officials throw out any poll watchers sent by the opposition party, and had directed the rigging of the final count. Choi and his co-defendants expected little mercy from the judges and prosecutors they faced. As former Rhee appointees, the jurists are eager to channel public hatred away from themselves and onto the prisoners. Since violation of the election laws is punishable by a maximum of only five years at hard labor, the caretaker Huh Chung government has additionally charged top defendants such as Choi with violating the National Security Law by "attempting to form an unconstitutional government through illegal elections"--a law,which ironically, Rhee had designed as a club to intimidate his own opponents. The maximum penalty: death.

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Jimmy Piersall is an intense, square-jawed young man who once, during the 1952 baseball season, suffered a breakdown and spent two weeks in the violent room of a mental institution. Now he plays baseball again, as center fielder for the Cleveland Indians, and, like all baseball players, he feels pressure. Piersall feels more than most. Piersall plays fiercely, his natural aggressiveness intensified by the insults of fans and opponents ("Hey, Piersall, you pay your bughouse dues

yet?"). Sometimes the pressure grows too great and he argues with umpires, swears at opponents, and screams at fans. At the beginning of last month, Piersall seemed to lose control completely. Thrown out trying to steal second base against the New York Yankees, he ranted and raved senselessly. Umpire Hank Soar ordered him out of the game. The Indians told him to go home to Newtonville, Mass., and rest for a week. A few days later, Frank Lane, the Cleveland general manager, wired Piersall: "It will be satisfactory for you to resume playing Monday ... I believe it will be best ... if you would have your wife accompany you..." Would Piersall change? "You know Jimmy," said his wife, Mary. "He'll always play to win. We can only hope he doesn't become so excited. But you can never change Jimmy."

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The current coffeehouse craze has brewed a weird variety of hangouts, from San Francisco's beat Coexistance Bagel Shop to New York's Bohemian Figaro. But no spot is so far out--geographically and conversationally--as the Coffee House of High Principles. The CHHP percolates away at the very proper Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory--high and dry (no alcoholic drinks served) on a 7,300-foot-high mesa in Valle Grande mountains. About two months ago, three top Los Alamos scientists--physicist James Tuck and mathematicians Stanislaw Ulam and John Holladay--were musing about their quiet evenings on the mesa. They decided to start their own club. For quarters they rented the old Los Alamos Nursery School and installed chessboards, a tape recorder to play classical music, and a table with New York, London, and Paris newspapers. Expressionist canvases were hung on walls that recently exhibited the equally abstract finger paintings of 4-year-olds. Instead of the Legion Club's bottled beer, there is lemonade, tea, cafe liegeois, raspberry skiwasser, Louisiana coffee, and espresso (at big-city prices--25 to 50 cents a cup). The CHHP has already proved a financial success, especially with Los Alamos teen-agers out for kicks at a real "beatnik" spot. Said Dr. Ulam, "What we had in mind was a coffeehouse modeled after the Viennese idea ..." But scientists have a way of creating the unexpected.

Next to comedian Jack Benny, bearded, twinkle-eyed Mathon Kyritsis probably is the best known citizen of Waukegan, Ill. He is the highly successful proprietor of a much-admired restaurant. But Mathon is an art lover who keeps a small reproduction of the Venus de Milo in the foyer of his restaurant. For much of 58 years, like many another art lover, Mathon has brooded over the whereabouts of the figure's arms. Mathon, though, is a native of the isle of Melos, where in 1820 the French found the Aphrodite which they installed in the Louvre of Paris as the Venus de Milo. So Mathon thinks he knows where the arms can be found. What's more, he is prepared to go find them. This month he will sail for Melos and there at the bottoms of the Aegean Sea in the harbor of Klima, he expects to find the arms. Mathon is sure he will substantiate the Melian tale he has heard all his life, from natives of the island. The word-of-mouth story goes that a farmer found the statue in a field one day in 1820. He hid it in a barn, and went each evening to admire the tall (6 foot 8) and mellowed (for at least 22 centuries) marble beauty. His suspicious wife, tracked him to the shrine and, clacking her tongue in relief, spread the word of the find. The news got to the French Ambassador at Constantinople, the story goes, and to the Turks who then ruled Greece. Both sent ships to Melos to bring off the treasure and they clashed in the harbor, knocking off the Aphrodite's arms. Scholarly research, incidentally, tends to support some aspects of Mathon's theory. A French poet, one Jean Francois Victor Aicard, who died in 1921, quotes unpublished documents which tell of 50 Frenchmen swapping shots and saber slashes with as many Turks in a skirmish around a cart that carried the Aphrodite. In the melee, Aicard related, the cart upset and Aphrodite lost her arms. Aicard's account also backs up Mathon's theory that with one arm Aphrodite held an apple and with another clutched at her hip-high frock. Scholars have speculated that the arms held a looking glass or twirled a spindle or just groped hopefully for modesty. As confident as a home-coming Odysseus, Mathon never for one moment has doubted the story he first heard on his home island. "We will find the arms," he said. "They are there. I know."

Lawyer Melvin M. Belli of San Francisco is known as "the king of torts" because of his flamboyant but eminently successful conduct of personal injury suits in courts all over the nation. The debonair Belli has brought a skeleton into the courtroom to show the jury where his client fractured a bone. Once, acting for a woman who had lost a leg, he brought a grisly, leg-shaped bundle into court, but waited until near the end of the trial to unwrap it and hand the jury the contents--an artificial leg. Belli boasts that he has "sued more doctors and hospitals successfully in medical malpractice suits probably than any other lawyer practicing today." Thus it came as something of a surprise last month, when Belli gave his old antagonists a helping hand. Writing in the journal Medical Economics, lawyer Belli warned of a new trend in medical suits that is plaguing an increasing number of well-meaning but unwary doctors: The breach-of-contract suit in which "legally speaking, the words you use to reassure a patient may be held against you." To illustrate his warning, Belli quoted two recent court cases:

A doctor who recommended electric-shock treatments to a worried patient. "Will I be all right if I take them?" "Yes, indeed," said the doctor, so the patient submitted to the therapy--and fractured an arm. The patient successfully sued him for breach of contract. An elderly man and his pregnant wife begged an obstetrician to deliver her by Caesarian section, and to reassure them he agreed. In the delivery room, though, he decided a normal birth would be better. The baby was dead. There had been no negligence--but the couple collected $5,000 in damages.

The breach-of-contract suit Belli warned, is becoming popular because it is easier to prove. "The patient doesn't need to enlist expert medical testimony. His testimony alone may be enough to convince the jury."

Belli admits that a doctor's "words of reassurance are still welcome." But he adds: "Just be sure they don't sound like a promise. An oral contract is just as good as a written one if it can be proved."

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SPORTS SHOTS

Don Larsen, 30, who in 1956 pitched the only perfect game in World Series history for the New York Yankees against the Brooklyn Dodgers, was shipped off to the bushes. Traded by the Yankees to the Kansas City Athletics in 1959, Larsen scored his last victory more than a year ago. ... Prompted by anti-American outbursts from a former pitcher named Fidel Castro, the International League announced it was switching its Havana franchise to the U.S. for the rest of 1960. ... The odds on the 1961 baseball managerial sweepstakes: Leo Durocher to take over San Francisco from Tom Sheehan (2-to-1);Eddie Yost to replace Jimmie Dykes at Detroit (3-to-1); Ralph Houk to relieve Casey Stengel with the Yankees (5-to-1). ... Earl (Butch) Buchholz, 19, the most promising young American tennis player in a decade, after leading Australia's Neale Fraser, the world's best amateur, two sets to one at the Wimbledon championships in England, collapsed and lost by default. Dennis Ralston, a 17-year-old Californian, and Rafael Osuna of Mexico won the men's doubles; Brazil's Maria Bueno, after winning the women's singles for the second straight year, teamed with American Darlene Hard to win the doubles. ... Jay Herbert, 37, of Louisiana, won the National PGA at the Firestone Country Club in Akron. To win the same crown that his younger brother, Lionel, captured three years ago, Herbert had to finish with an even-par 70 for a four-round total of 281, one over par. ... Early in the 1960 season, Harvard's varsity crew was rated the best in the country, then Cornell upset Harvard, Penn upset Cornell, and California upset Penn. All four were contenders in the Olympic trials on Syracuse's Onondaga Lake. The winner: Navy, which had lost its last four races. ... In just three days at the Women's A.A.U. Swimming Championships at Indianapolis, five teen-agers from California--Carolyn House, Chris von Saltza, Lynn Burke, Ann Warner, Donna de Varona--smahsed three world and ten American records, enhancing America's tarnished aquatic prestige.

JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! It's me again.

The Boss and I took a long trip. We went to a new place. I don't know where we were, but the Boss said it was Utah.

We saw lots of people and some dogs. It was very hot. Lots of people made speeches and so did the Boss. Everyone got sleepy and I went to sleep too.

The Boss and I saw a deaf-blind lady. Her name was Aslaugh Vaieland. She was very pretty. I kissed her. She showed us a big flower she made. The Boss said it was foam rubber. Aslaugh must be smart.

There was a little boy on the plane. He talked a lot. He was seven years old and he said he knew all about dogs. He said he liked dogs. He liked himself most, I think. He tried to make everybody look at him.

When the Boss got up to get off the plane, the little boy unfastened my harness. I thought this was fun because I wouldn't have to work. When the Boss took hold of the harness, I wasn't in it. The little boy laughed. Then I was sorry. I took her down the steps anyway and it was all right.

I think that little boy should read a book about Seeing Eye Dogs. He said he knows all about dogs, but he doesn't. I am only three years old, but I know more than he does.

Goodbye!

Jannie Dinsmore

MARGINALIA

Digging at Balsequillo, sixty miles southeast of Mexico City, Dr. Juan Armenta, director of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Puebla in Mexico, unearthed a bit of elephant bone engraved with pictures of beasts reputed to be 30,000 years old. This discovery has pushed back by 20,000 years the earliest date hitherto found for man in the Western Hemisphere. ... Pyotr Y. Yezhov, 39, third secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, was publicly charged with espionage and ordered out of the country. The Russian spy was trapped by an FBI agent who posed as a commercial photographer engaged in espionage. ... The killer volcano Mount Etna erupted, belching lava, freight-car-size boulders and angry flames, and blacking out the Italian sun with a cloud of smoke that rose 30,000 feet. ... Aneurin (Nye) Bevan, 62, died in his sleep after months of suffering. Bevan, one of Britain's most controversial political figures, fought his way up from the coal pits of Wales to the deputy leadership of the Labor Party. ... Rodger Woodward, 7, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., was swept over the 160-foot Niagara Falls rapids when a motorboat he was in capsized. The boy, barely able to swim, was the first in history to survive the plunge unshielded (only three persons, stuntmen, have been known to survive a plunge over the falls, all of them encased in barrels). ... Mrs. Aileen Saunders, 33, of El Cajon, Calif., won her second straight Powder Puff Derby championship. Mrs. Saunders and her co-pilot, June Douglas, of Fall River, Mass., flew the 2,709-mile transcontinental air race for women, in which 79 planes competed, in 18 hours and 27 minutes. ... A house-building machine is being used to construct a five-story house in Moscow, the news agency Tass said. The machine mechanizes brick-laying, and can construct panel and cinder-block buildings. ... Mrs. Henry Humphries, 37, of Rotherham, England, severely injured in an automobile accident, died because she refused to accept a blood transfusion. The victim, a mother of five, although not a practicing Jehovah's Witness herself, told doctors

she would rather die than violate the sect's ban on transfusions out of respect to her Jehovah's Witness husband. ... An act requiring that a clear warning and first-aid instructions be printed on the label of all dangerous substances commonly used was signed by the President, the White House announced. ... Floyd Patterson, 25, world heavyweight champion, and Sandra Hicks Patterson, 22, his second wife, announced the birth of their third child, first son. ... The Soviet Union announced it had fired a long-range test rocket from the heart of Russia to a target area in the Pacific about 8,078 miles away. Earlier this year the U.S. fired a Super Thor missile 9,000 miles, from Cape Canaveral, Fla., to south of the Indian Ocean. ... A new modified live-virus vaccine--Tissuvax D-H--that is safer and more potent for the prevention of distemper in dogs has been approved by the U.S. Agriculture Research Service, and will be available to veterinarians shortly. ... Lawrence Tibbett, America's great baritone--Metropolitan Opera principal from 1925 to 1950, popular radio, cinema, Broadway and concert performer--died at 63 following head surgery. ... Sergei Kudryavtsev, who masterminded a widespread Soviet spy ring in Canada during World War II, was named as Russian ambassador to Cuba. ... Steven Rockefeller, son of Governor Rockefeller, and his Norwegian wife, Maria, became parents of an 8-pound, 4-ounce boy. The 23-year-old father, whose story-book romance with the 21-year-old former maid in the family's Fifth Avenue home made world news last summer, is studying at the Union Theological Seminary. ... Miss U.S.A., Linda Bement, an 18-year-old Mormon girl from Salt Lake City, Utah, won the Miss Universe pageant at Miami Beach, becoming the third American to win the coveted title. The green-eyed brunette is 5 feet 6, weighs 120 pounds and measures 37-23-36. ... William O. Douglas, Jr., 28, son of the Supreme Court Justice, was working in a Seattle night club for $10-a-performance as a pantomimist patterning his antics after France's celebrated mime Marcel Marceau. According to critics, young Bill was "better than boring, less than soaring." ... London barrister Ronald Armstrong-Jones, 61, proudly announced that in December he and third wife, Jenifer,

31, will present Princess Margaret's Antony Armstrong-Jones with a little half-brother or half-sister. ... Dr. Elio Bianca, a bearded Milanese pediatrician, known as Brother Emman by his sect, was charged with spreading "tendentious reports likely to cause public panic." The "Doom Prophet" had predicted that the end of the world would come shortly, that only he and his followers, awaiting the impending catastrophe atop Italy's Mont Blanc, would survive. ... A ten-pound dog fell twelve stories from the roof of St. Vincent's Hospital, New York, crashed through the windshield of a car, but emerged unhurt except for several cuts. The part-terrier, a newcomer to a group of dogs used for experimental purposes, squeezed through an opening while exercising on the roof, to avoid pursuing dogs. ... Baseball Hall of Fame member Jimmy Foxx, 52, Babe Ruth's home run rival, applied for unemployment compensation in Galesburg, Ill. Foxx, who earned over a quarter of a million dollars in 22 years of major league baseball, said, "I am broke and I guess I always will be broke." ... Graime Thorne, 8, of Sydney, Australia, was kidnapped and held for ransom--the first such case in Australian history. The kidnappers were demanding $55,000 from the boy's parents, who recently won $220,000 in a lottery. ... President Eisenhower signed legislation setting up a nationwide roster of dangerous drivers--drivers who have lost their licenses for drunken driving or who have been involved in traffic violations which resulted in death. Electronic data-processing machines would be used in the clearance center to identify dangerous drivers who have moved from one state to another. ... Two-time Oscar-winning actress Bette Davis, 52, was granted a divorce from her fourth husband, TV-movie actor Gary Merrill, 47. ... Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, commander in chief of German forces on the Western front during the last days of World War II, died in Bad Nauheim, West Germany, at 74 of a heart ailment. ... Lenin, Shakespeare and Jules Verne are the most translated authors in the world, according to UNESCO. Lenin has a considerable lead over Shakespeare, with 209 translations, as compared with 127 for the Bard; Jules Verne 104 translations.

TRIVIA

THE EYES HAVE IT - After a police officer described him as a drunken driver because of his "glassy stare," defendant Robert Malone of Memphis took the stand and removed his glass left eye.

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SQUEEZE PLAY - The Industrial Accident Commission of Stockton, Calif., awarded Women's Wear clerk Betty Owens $1,000 for a back injury suffered while squeezing a 250-lb. customer into a corset.

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WET BLANKET - In Miami Beach, after being asked to dive into a swimming pool at the climax of the Waterworks Association's annual convention, Jackie Johnsen, Miss American Waterworks of 1960, declined the honor, explaining: "I'm afraid of the water."

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SILVER LINING - The State School for the Deaf and Blind of Gooding, Idaho, got around to presenting Mrs. Ted Biddulph with her $5 prize 40 years after she had won a contest for naming the institution's monthly magazine, the Optimist.

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WE WUZ ROBBED - Near La Grange, Ky., after finding $200 in cash and other belongings missing when they returned to their padlocked locker room following a game with the Kentucky State Reformatory baseball team, the visiting Fort Knox nine was told by Deputy Warden Porter Lady, "A lock doesn't mean much to some of our boys."

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POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING - In Jacksonville, several hours after the Riverside Chevrolet Co. launched a sales campaign with the advertisement, "Look for It! Something Big Is Going to Happen!", its showroom ceiling collapsed on six new cars.

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GO FOR BROKE - In Hamilton, Ont., while demonstrating the safety features of the Go-Scooter in a local shopping center, Vice President Clayton St. Louis of the Hamilton Go-Scooters Association wheeled into a guard rail, fell down a 12-ft. embankment, suffered two broken legs.

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BARNSTORMING - After trying to decide what to do with the half of his barn that had survived a storm, farmer Burt Quigley of Foyil, Okla., slept on the problem, woke up to find the remaining portion had been blown down by a second storm.

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FREUDIAN SLIP - In Dallas, on a final exam, a Southern Methodist University coed misspelled a word but otherwise correctly identified the fifth precept of Buddhism: "Do not be unchased."

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EMINENT DOMAIN - Landlord Joao Francisco da Silva of Pesqueira, Brazil, was locked up for nonpayment of property taxes on the city jailhouse, which he owns.

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AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT - Assistant Fire Chief E. J. McIndoo of Phoenix, Ariz., turned in a succinct report: "Cause of fire--man searching for gas leak with a match. He found it."

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NATURAL BERTH - In Trenton, N.J., the state senate referred a bill concerning maternity hospitals to the labor committee.

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DERAILED - A master of ceremonies at a state trucking association meeting in Casper, Wyo., was roundly booed when he asked members to join in a rollicking chorus of I've Been Working on the Railroad.

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FOOD: KITCHEN IN ORDER

Blind Cook Has Place for Everything; Uses Braille Dots on Oven Regulator

By June Owen

(Ed. Note: The following verbatim account has appeared in the New York Times of May 17. Your editor hopes you will find it as interesting as he has. Because of limited space Miss Dinsmore's regular message has been omitted.)

When Miss Annette Dinsmore lost her eyesight in 1935, she remarked to a friend whom she was visiting:

"They say you can even cook when you are blind."

Miss Dinsmore, director of services for the deaf-blind at the American Foundation for the Blind, did not really believe that she would ever be able to cook again. But her attitude has changed since then. She now insists that a blind person has little more difficulty in preparing a dinner than anyone who can see.

An attractive, vital person, Miss Dinsmore does not allow a lack of sight to handicap her in doing what interests her. And her interests are many. She enjoys playing the piano and is an enthusiastic swimmer. She loves the theatre and goes often, accompanied by Jannie, a German shepherd dog.

Although her work necessitates a great deal of travel, Miss Dinsmore spends some of her happiest hours in her immaculate apartment, preparing dinners for her friends. The menu of a recent dinner for four began with tomato juice, proceeded to roast beef with baked potatoes, the skins well buttered before they went into the oven so they came out crisply delicious, French-style string beans, a green salad and, for dessert, cream puffs. All the dishes, except the dessert which was bought at a bakery, were prepared by Miss Dinsmore.

Miss Dinsmore uses a gas range because the heat from the flame is more

quickly perceptible to the hand than the heated coils of an electric range. A system of braille dots on the regulator enables her to adjust the oven temperature to the correct degree. She cooks everything by time, her only method of knowing when foods are done. She can tell by feel the size of various measuring utensils she uses. She has them in graduated sizes so that she can fill each to the top.

"I manage very well by knowing exactly where everything is in the kitchen," she said. "Each pot and pan is kept in a certain spot and I know where all the foods are located."

A place for everything and everything in its place is a rule that every efficient cook observes. It saves time and spares tempers, for there is nothing more frustrating than to have a cake batter all ready for the oven and then not be able to find the pan in which it is to be baked.

But for Miss Dinsmore, a misplaced or missing utensil is a more serious matter.

"I remeber once when I broke a glass measuring cup I used to be sure I had just the right amount of water for my morning coffee," she said. "Until I found a suitable replacement, the coffee I made never came out right."

When Miss Dinsmore was 13 years old, her mother died. Out of necessity, she had to learn to cook for herself and her father, although she admits that some of her first meals were rather bad.

Soon after she became blind, Miss Dinsmore had as her roommate in a Philadelphia apartment the food editor of a daily newspaper there. As Miss Dinsmore came home from work first, she would call her friend at the newspaper and ask her for a recipe for something to prepare for dinner. In that way, she built up a repertoire of easy-to-prepare but interesting dishes.

One of her specialties is a rather unusual ham "sandwich." She spreads one thin slice of ham with a seasoned bread stuffing, tops it with another thin slice of ham, fastens it with food picks and bakes it covered in a moderate oven in a pan with a small amount of water for about forty-five minutes. The "sandwich"

is cut into strips before it is served.

"I always brown the bread crumbs for stuffing in butter before I mix them with the other ingredients," Miss Dinsmore said. "That's a Pennsylvania Dutch trick."

Miss Dinsmore usually does her grocery shopping by telephone although, if a friend can accompany her, she likes to go to the store herself.

Even before she lost her sight as the result of a severe infection, Miss Dinsmore had won favorable attention as a teacher of the deaf, although she herself was not and is not deaf. Prior to her illness, she had studied at the Clark School for the Deaf in Northampton, Mass., and the University of Pennsylvania.

NEWS DIGEST

For once it looked as if an international conference, assembled in Geneva, might actually accomplish something. Eighty-eight nations had met under U.N. auspices to settle a single issue: How far do territorial waters extend out to sea? The conference was urgently needed because all over the world, territorial waters were ruffled by political storms. Iceland, which resents the fortune in haddock and cod that British trawlers regularly pull out of its surrounding seas, had pushed out its territorial limits from 3 miles to 12, provoking a fishermen's war involving warships of both sides. The Arab bloc was insisting on a 12-mile limit to block Israel's outlet to the Red Sea through the Gulf of Aqaba. South Korea claimed a 150-mile limit (to exclude Japanese trawlers), and Chile had even fired on U.S. vessels for trespassing inside its self-proclaimed 200-mile limit.

Most seafaring nations accept a 3-mile limit but, willing to compromise, the U.S. and Canada laid before the Geneva conference their proposal: A 6-mile limit for sovereign territorial limits, plus another 6 miles for exclusive national fishing rights. The "6 plus 6" proposal went to a vote last month. The result: Total failure. Fifty-four of the greatest seagoing nations, commanding among them 78 million tons of shipping, voted for acceptance; 28 nations, with a mere 9 million tons, voted for rejection. With a two-thirds vote needed for passage, the resolution had failed by one vote. The "one-nation, one-vote" system had been shown up as absurd. The vote of the U.S. (25.9 million tons of shipping) had been canceled out by the vote of Yemen (no tons to speak of), and Britain's vote (19.7 million tons) was negated by the vote of Guinea (no ships). In addition, three of the votes against the compromise--those of Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Byelorussia--were cast by nations which have among them not one seagoing ship, not one seaman, and not one inch of coastline.

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Dictator Rafael Leonidas Trujillo, who perennially lays claim to the title of the most anti of the hemisphere's anti-Communists, reversed himself last month. He announced that the Dominican government, meaning Trujillo, would put through its docile National Congress a constitutional amendment legalizing the Communist Party. Also scheduled to be made respectable by the same law: the Brooklyn-based Jehovah's Witnesses sect, banned since 1957, largely at the behest of Roman Catholic authorities. Trujillo's turnabout was a nose-thumbing answer to the U. S. Government and the Roman Catholic Church, which have been pressing him to democratize his regime. In effect, Trujillo said to each: If it is democracy you want, let us start by restoring the rights of a group you dislike. Trujillo and the Reds have played pat-a-cake before. In the postwar flush of good will toward Moscow, the dictator praised Russia "as one of the forces for progress," and legalized Communists as "eloquent rebuttal to calumniators who accuse the Dominican Republic of not being a democratic country." That honeymoon with the Reds lasted less than a year, after which Trujillo turned about once more, again banned the Communists and even set up an investigating Committee on Un-Dominican Activities.

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When it was designed by Poland's Communist rulers in 1949, Nowa Huta (literally New Foundry) was to be a model city of dedicated workers who took spiritual strength from their labors at the sprawling steelworks, and hence would need no church. But the devout peasants recruited from the countryside to man Nowa Huta's machines were not so easily weaned from their Catholic faith. Most simply got up an hour earlier on Sundays to make the long tram ride into Cracow for Mass. Finally, party boss Wladyslaw Gomulka bowed to pressure, announced that the 100,000 people of Nowa Huta could have a church after all. A large wooden cross was mounted at the site selected for the church. That was in 1957. Three years later there was still no church, and the stalling Communist authorities began talking vaguely of building-material shortages and the need for schools. Last

month housewives saw city workmen drive up to the site, obviously intending to remove the cross. Rushing into the street, the women chanted hymns and waved placards demanding "Freedom of Religion." Late in the afternoon they were joined by their husbands, coming off the day shift. By the time the police arrived, a threatening mob of some 3,000 had sealed off the block. The cops used tear gas. The throng replied with bricks and stones, and raced to the town hall, setting it afire. At month's end 15 policemen were nursing bruises, and more than 50 members of the protesting crowd were in jail. The Communist regime was so agitated that it tried to censor all mention of the riot, and the secret police dogged the footsteps of foreign newsmen. But at the corner of Marx and Lenin streets the cross still stood, protected by groups of angry women--emphatic evidence that the faith of Poland's Christians is still a force that the Communist bosses challenge at their peril.

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Despite all the heady talk about sending men into space in the not too distant future, many a practical problem remains far from solution. One of the most formidable: protecting space travelers from the deadly radiation that will swarm about them. General Electric Engineer Norris F. Dow, reporting his findings in Aero/Space Engineering, considered the difficulties of providing radiation shielding for spacemen--and found them immense. When an inhabited satellite orbits 2,200 miles above the earth, its crew will be riddled by the fast-moving protons of the inner Van Allen radiation belt. If unshielded, the spacemen will be inflicted with about 3,000 rem (the unit of radiation effect on human tissue) per week--many times more than a lethal dose. Even if the satellite stays below the Van Allen radiation, its crew may still be in peril. Flares (intense disturbances) on the sun often shoot high-energy protons all the way to earth. During the period July 10-18, 1959, for example, protons from a sun flare would have given spacemen a deadly dose of radiation during each day of orbiting. Shielding can be used to protect the spacemen, but Dow estimated that 100 lbs. of lead per

sq. ft. will be required to keep Van Allen or flare radiation at a safe level. That figures at no less than 11,000 lbs.--more than the total weight of the heaviest satellite yet put into orbit, the U.S.S.R.'s Sputnik III--for shielding in a cramped, man-carrying capsule only six feet in diameter. Dow conceded that better shielding materials than lead may be found. But he saw little chance that the light and roomy satellite stations so dear to space enthusiasts can be made radiation-safe--at least not for a long while.

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On a summer afternoon in 1940, a gaunt young man entered the suburban Mexican City villa of Leon Trotsky, and asked for criticism of a manuscript. Trotsky invited him into his study, where the young man smashed an Alpine pickax down Trotsky's skull. The dying man's screams brought two bodyguards on the run; they knocked the assassin down, kicked him nearly unconscious. Cried Trotsky: "Don't kill him. This man has a story to tell." Last month, some three months before his twenty-year prison term expired, the assassin, Ramon Mercader, 46, went free, his story still untold. (Upon his release Mercader was offered $100,000 for his memoirs by McGraw-Hill, but he turned it down.)

Ramon Mercader--or "Jacques Mornard," the name under which he was listed in official Mexican prison records--was hustled out of prison and aboard an airliner to Cuba, a procedure that enabled the Mexican government to get rid of an undesirable character and also to avoid demonstrations. The final proof, if any were needed, that Mercader has always been a Stalinist agent was supplied by his traveling companions: two husky "diplomats" from Communist Czechoslovakia. At month's end Mercader vanished from Cuba, was presumably enroute for Czechoslovakia. Still living in the Mexico City villa where her husband was brutally murdered, widow Natalia Trotsky, 80, said softly: "Mornard is now going to his reward--or his elimination."

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To every diplomatic protest, to every press and parliamentary inquiry, the government of South Africa has returned the same reply about the Sharpeville

massacre in which 67 Africans were killed and 187 wounded. The reply: The police shot only in self-defense; if they had not opened fire, they would have been killed. But last month at the government's own court inquiry, a report on autopsies of those killed showed that seven out of ten had been shot in the back. Dr. Jack Friedman, senior district surgeon of Johannesburg, who performed autopsies on 52 Africans, tesitfied that 68 of the 96 bullets he had found had entered from the back. Dr. M.H. Steyn, district surgeon of Vanderbijl Park, said he had performed postmortems on fifteen Africans killed at Sharpeville. He found only one bullet had entered from the front. Dr. P. Keen, surgeon in charge of the non-white hospital at Baragwanath, a native suburb, said that 133 wounded were admitted to his hospital, with 178 bullet wounds. Only twenty of the bullets had entered from the front. Questioned about the shooting, Col. L.P. Terblanche, the deputy police commissioner of the Western Cape area, said many of his policemen's rifles had proved "inaccurate." In future, however, the police would be issued "more accurate pistols."

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For years, correspondents who cover the White House have been baffled by apparent gaps in President Eisenhower's familiarity with front-page events. Time and again, during rough-and-tumble press conferences, he has turned questions aside with the comment: "This is the first I've heard about that." Last month the newsmen learned why: The President doesn't regularly read the daily papers. At one of the weekly press conferences last month, soft-spoken Pat Munroe, who doubles as correspondent for Chicago's American, for Editor & Publisher magazine, and for other papers, asked: "What are your regular reading habits, sir, for keeping up with what we are saying about you?" President Eisenhower replied: "... It takes a lot of time if I was going to keep up with what all you people are saying. I take the, what I call the important sections of the Sunday papers that review world events, go over the things, and those are the things I study carefully. The things you talk of, cartoons and unfriendly quips, I just can't be bothered."

The President's words surprised many of the 275 reporters at the conference. For White House press secretary James Hagerty has maintained for almost eight years that his boss was an avid newspaper reader. Hagerty has often ticked off six papers the President was said to scan each morning. (The New York Times, The New York Herald Tribune, The New York Daily News, The Washington Post and Times Herald, The Baltimore Sun, The Wall Street Journal). The President eased Hagerty part way out of this mousetrap by disclosing that he does read the dailies now and then.

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After four minutes of spirited bidding in Sotheby's auction rooms, the gentle landscape called "Cork Trees Near Mimizan" went for $20,720 to an agent representing a collector who was not identified (except, in the words of one London newspaper account, as "an American, of course"). "Cork Trees" was only the second of Sir Winston Churchill's 500-odd canvases (whose total value is estimated by a British art critic at about $7 million) ever to be sold. As in the previous case, the proceeds went to charity. Sir Winston, home in his flat, expressed delight when the price was relayed to him. As for smiling Lady Churchill, she not only attended the auction but joined in the bidding for other items and came away with a Sheraton coffee table ($106) and a George III child's mug ($45).

At the same famous gallery was lot 174, consisting of two uninspired water colors, both scenes of Vienna. Like the artist of "Cork Trees," their artist was also a great leader of World War II. And the proceeds of their sale went to charity, too--World Refugee War Fund. What distinguished them was the signature of the artist: "A. Hitler." Painted in the dictator's youth, the trifles were quickly snapped up for $1,680 by the Marguess of Bath, a collector of Churchilliana. "Hitler is part of the Churchill story," explained his agent.

History often has a peculiar way of subordinating the important and accentuating the trivial. Perhaps at some future time, when the accent will shift from war to culture, Churchill and Hitler will be associated with 20th-century art instead of 20th-century wars.

In the first inning, the 6-ft. 4-in., 210-lb. righthander walked the St. Louis Cardinals' Alex Grammas with one out. After that, Chicago Cub pitcher Don Cardwell, 24, acquired by trade just two days before from the Phillies, retired the next 26 men in a row for a 4-0 victory and the first no-hitter of the season. ... The Cubs traded Tony Taylor and Cal Neeman to the Phillies for Don Cardwell and Ed Bouchee as the Cubs' new manager, Lou Boudreau, almost entirely revamped his infield. Only shortstop Ernie Banks, the National League's MVP for two successive years, remained in the infield Boudreau inherited from Charley Grimm, who was fired. ... Veteran Carl Furillo, 38, after 14 years of service with the youth-conscious Dodgers, received his unconditional release. After this announcement an unnamed Dodger star told sportswriter Charlie Park of the Los Angeles Mirror-News that his club would finish 7th because of the foolish accent on youth and because Rip Repulski was traded to the Sox. ... The Kansas City Athletics traded slugging outfielder Bob Cerv to the Yankees for bench-riding third baseman Andy Carey to complete the 16th in a series of deals between the two clubs in the past five years, involving 61 players. ... Venetian Way, with Willie Hartack in the saddle, won the 86th running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs, beating runner-up Bally Ache by almost four lengths. ... Bally Ache, recently purchased by a Lexington, Ky., syndicate for $1,250,000 from owner Leonard Fruchtman, who paid $2,500 for the colt two years ago, won the 84th Preakness at Pimlico. Derby-winning Venetian Way finished a poor fifth--and Willie Hartack was fired. ... World bantamweight champion Jose Becerra, of Mexico, retained title by gaining a narrow, split decision over Japan's Kenji Yonekura in a 15-round bout in Tokyo. ... Mikhail Tal, 23, became the youngest world chess champion in 100 years by defeating defending titlist Mikhail Botvinnik, 48, in the world chess championships in Moscow.

JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! It's me again.

Rusty is a black cat. She is pretty. Her fur is shiny and she has big, yellow eyes. Her eyes shine, too.

The Boss says Rusty is a grandmother cat and she is lots older than me. But I am lots bigger.

We see Rusty at the house at the shore and in Philadelphia. Rusty came to see us one time in New York, too.

I try and try to get Rusty to play with me. She won't. I drop my rubber tenpin in front of her and she spits. I bounce my ball for her and she spits. I run round the room and jump. Rusty sits on a chair and turns her back. She watches me, but she won't run and jump with me.

Rusty has good food. Sometimes when she leaves food in her dish, I finish it up. Then I pretend I didn't do it.

After Rusty eats her dinner, she washes herself all over. She licks her fur and it shines more. I can wash my paws too, just like Rusty.

One time I met Rusty in a corner of the hall. She jumped and batted her paws at me. She spit and almost barked. I thought, "Good, she wants to play now." I jumped way up and bounced down at her. She barked again the same funny way. Then the Boss came and took me away. She said that Rusty was scared. She didn't want to play at all - she just wanted to go down that hall. It was too bad and I was sorry.

Why won't Rusty play with me?

Goodbye!

Jannie Dinsmore

MARGINALIA

A series of earthquakes caused by nine erupting volcanoes in the province of Valdivia rocked Southern Chile. The casualty toll from five days of tremors and tidal waves reached 5,125 dead and missing. ... By an overwhelming 2 to 1 vote, Adlai Stevenson beat Sen. Lyndon Johnson, with Sen. John Kennedy running a poor third, in the college Presidential poll at Harvard University. Students from all the states representing 40 colleges voted in the poll. ... Rev. George Papadeas, psstor of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church, Hempstead, L.I., N.Y., confirmed that a new weeping Madonna--the third on Long Island in less than two months--had been enshrined in his church. The latest weeping icon, a lithograph bearing the title "Mother of Perpetual Help," belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Koulis of Oceanside, L.I., who also owned the second weeping Madonna; the first was the property of Mr. and Mrs. Banagiotis Catsounis of Island Park, L.I. ... Hillbilly singer Jimmie Davis took over as governor of Louisiana after Earl K. Long retired. In his inaugural speech, Davis promised to prevent integration and to keep the state from going bankrupt. ... Prenza Libre, last remaining major critic of the Fidel Castro regime among Cuba's newspapers, was seized by government-controlled unions. The pattern of seizure was almost identical with that which silenced two other strongly anti-Castro papers--Diario de la Marina, Cuba's oldest newspaper, and Avance. ... In Memphis, Tenn., an 8-foot bronze statue of the late William C. Handy was unveiled on Beale Street, where the immortalized Negro composer found inspiration for his St. Louis Blues, Beale Street Blues and other sad-sweet songs. ... The Soviet Union awarded the Lenin Peace Prize--valued at $35,000--to Cyrus S. Eaton, Canadian-born capitalist now living near Cleveland, who has often called for better understanding between the U.S. and Russia. Other 1960 winners were: President Sukarno of Indonesia, Laurant Casanova of France and Aziz Sharif of Iraq. ... British Parliament has approved a bill providing a

fine up to $140 for abandoning a cat, dog, canary or any captive creature, and three months in jail for a second offender. ... Pope John proclaimed a new Saint, the Blessed Gregorio Barbarigo, a 17th Century Venetian-born Cardinal who strove for the same goal as the present Pontiff--unification of the Christian world. The ceremony marked the first canonization service held in the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome in 215 years. ... Bands played and citizens wore red bandanas and railroad caps as Jackson, Tenn., observed the 60th anniversary of the death of Casey Jones. Casey--actually John Luther Jones of Cayce, Ky.--died when his Cannonball Express rammed a freight train at Vaughan, Miss., in a railroad wreck immortalized in song. ... Southern Negro leaders met and decided on a campaign this summer to integrate coastal beaches. Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, said a concentrated "wade-in" effort would be made "to open up beaches all the way from Cape May, N.J., to Brownsville, Texas." ... Amicably, by several tosses of a coin, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the National Gallery of Art in Washington have divided 87 paintings worth "several million dollars." The treasures were bequeathed to the two museums by the late Mrs. Lillian G. Timken, who didn't specify which gallery would get which paintings. ... Prince Aly Khan, 48, international playboy and former husband of actress Rita Hayworth, was killed in a head-on auto crash on the outskirts of Paris. ... Mrs. Edna Gardner Whyte of Fort Worth, Texas, won the tenth Women's International Air Race, from Miami to San Salvador, completing the 2,498-mile race in 20 hours, 20 minutes. ... Carpenters' Union president Maurice A. Hutcheson, 62, was sentenced to six months in prison and fined $500 for contempt of Congress. The labor leader was charged with contempt for balking at Congressional questions about possible misuse of union funds. ... Working as a farm laborer until his last day, Miguel Hernandez of Pinar del Rio, Cuba, died at the age of 114. ... The largest drug-smuggling ring in American history has been broken by federal agents, with the arrest of twenty-nine men, twelve of whom were delegates to the infamous Apalachin gangland convention.

TRIVIA

PROOF POSITIVE - In Geneva, World Health Organization officials sent out invitations to a showing of the movie Alcohol and Alcoholism, assured guests that "cocktails will be served."

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GRASS-ROOTS CAMPAIGN - The campaign slogan of undertaker Con Oelofson, of Kitwe, Nothern Rhodesia, a candidate for municipal office, is: "The last man to let you down."

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NABBED NABBER - Patrolman Nolan A. Glahn of Reno spotted two suspicious-looking men in the office of the El Rancho Motel, went to investigate, was robbed of $80 and clapped in his own handcuffs.

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LEAP YEAR - In London, after Michael Moore, 33, serving four years for burglary, was allowed out of his Pentonville Prison cell to marry Hazel Dunphey in a nearby church, he went through the ceremony with two police escorts watching, signed the register, kissed his bride, dashed up the aisle and escaped.

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FIRST INSTALLMENT - State Income Tax Director Dawson Beatie of Columbia, S.C., received a card which read, "I have been informed by one of your agents that I may pay my state income tax by the quarter," and to which the taxpayer had glued one 25¢ piece.

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TRANCEFORMATION - When newlywed Irish Lashin, 20, of Albany, N.Y., went back to her parents' home, after eloping, to pick up some clothes and failed to return, her husband, hypnotist Albert M. Herman, 33, charged that her parents, who opposed the marriage, had taken her to a professional rival "who put her under some sort of hypnotic spell."

SPOKESMEN - In Hartford, Conn., when two of the wheels fell off a prisoner-filled paddy wagon, cops chased one wheel as it rolled down a hill, then looked helplessly back uphill while two men picked up the other wheel, put it into their car and drove off.

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HIGH LIVING - When Richard M. Horn of Kalamazoo, Mich., was fined $10 plus $4.30 in court costs for filching a 75¢ item from a grocery, he pulled out four $100 bills, demanded that one of them be changed, explained that he never carried small stuff around with him.

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SOUND EFFECT - The Rev. Jackson Burns of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, having tape-recorded one of his Sunday sermons, listened to the playback, fell asleep.

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FRINGE BENEFITS - Salvatore Bruzzese, 30, of Rome, denied he was harming his four children by making them beg in the streets, pointed out that he picked them up in his car every evening and often treated them to ice cream.

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HARD-BOILED - Lovonia Jones Box of Lucedale, Miss., was fined $522 after police found eight pint bottles of moonshine under a setting hen in her yard.

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DEVIL'S ADVOCATE - In Brisbane, Australia, the Christadelphian Church ran an ad in the Courier Mail: "A vital address on the possibility of obtaining immorality will be given by Mr. A.C. Mogg."

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REMOTE CONTROL - Testing a new "driver simulator," State Revenue Director Robert A. Theobald of Denver ran down a hypothetical pedestrian, rammed an imaginary parked bus, smashed into a simulated speeding train, remarked: "This thing needs a little adjustment."

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

Inside each of us lies a picture of the world. It stands for the whole realm of objects, happenings and relationships outside us. Into our picture has gone everything we know or think we know. It is our map to reality. Without it, we could not find our way through life. Yet, we are well-adjusted only to the degree that we remember its limitations.

When we observe the outside world, we believe that what we find is what is really there. Nevertheless, others often do not find things just as we do. The answer is simple: More than we realize, each of us projects his picture onto the outside world.

Sometimes, what we find there exists only in our picture. Some of us find just what we have learned to expect. Some of us can notice hardly anything else. Every person's picture leaves out many things. Every person's picture has some things in it that are false. This is easy to see in someone else. But it is not easy for a person to see that these limitations apply to himself. He believes that he is a realist--that he faces facts--others have distorted pictures, but he sees things as they are.

As long as he believes this, he makes trouble--for himself, and for everyone else. Many of these troubles can be avoided. We have a far better chance to do so if we remember: that the pictures within us are merely pictures.

Our time is short. Our senses are limited. We can build only a tiny part of our picture from direct experience. In spite of this, every human tries to complete his picture. If necessary, he lumps together all "the unknown" and invents a way to represent it. For the most part, he copies bits from other men's pictures--some of them very unreliable. Even when he copies bits from the truer ones, he often distorts them. He can't help doing this--no one can really see inside anyone else.

There is no single perfect answer. But, for each one of us, the picture represents the reality with which we live from day to day. Recognition of the possible distortions and the inevitable limitations can help us to clarify this picture and bring it into sharper focus. Thus we can develop greater harmony in our relationship with the actual world around us and avoid fostering trouble. A clearer picture will also give us greater poise and self-confidence, so that the margin of error narrows and our attitude in turn influences the attitude of others in an ever widening circle.

Annette Dinsmore

NEWS DIGEST

On information supplied by a lesser Russian spy in the spring of 1957, the FBI cornered master spy Rudolf Ivanovich Abel, 55, in a New York hotel room. Since the other spy was afraid to testify in court against Abel, the best the FBI could do was ask the Immigration and Naturalization Service to arrest Abel as a deportable alien. Then came a break. In his room, when seized, Abel had plenty of incriminating evidence--cipher pads, 18 microfilms, phony birth certificates--to help convict him for espionage four months later. Sentence: a $3,000 fine, 30 years. Last month the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Abel's conviction, but in a sharply split (5-4) decision. The four dissenting justices (William Brennan, Hugo Black, William Douglas, Chief Justice Earl Warren) agreed with Abel's court-appointed lawyer that the FBI had no right to use for criminal prosecution the evidence that was seized in the course of Immigration's "administrative" arrest (one not ordered by a court warrant). In his dissent, Justice Brennan charged violation of the spy's Fourth Amendment protection from "unresonable searches and seizures." But the court majority reviewed each step of the case in a 24-page decision, found, as Justice Felix Frankfurter put it, that it indicated a good-faith example of "rightful cooperation between two branches of a single Department of Justice."

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What Latin American dance begins with the letter "M"? Can you name two generals who later became President of the United States? For the correct answers to brain teasers such as these, and to the winners of "Lucky Buck," "Dizzy Dance," and other similar intellectual contests, the 450 Arthur Murray dance studios throughout the world have shelled out millions of hours' worth of free dance lessons. But the questions and the contests themselves had dance master Arthur Murray in hot water last month, and the resulting charges were likely to lead into some fancy legal footwork. The Federal Trade Commission charged that promo-

tion schemes employed by the Murray organization were nothing more than "a deceptive form of 'bait' or decoy" to trap "the innocent, unwary, and unsuspecting" public. The contests, said the FTC, were so simple that "substantially everyone, if not all, may qualify and win." After succumbing to the come-on, the FTC said, winners in many cases spent a "substantial part" of their free instruction time listening to sales talks for further lessons--which cost about $20 for one hour of instruction, and about $12,000 for an Arthur Murray "Lifetime Membership."

The Murray troubles were compounded when a St. Louis grand jury subsequently "invited" the dance impresario and his wife, Kathryn, star of the televised "Arthur Murray Dance Party," to testify in a burgeoning dance-school scandal in that city. The grand jury was especially interested in the sales methods which were used to induce a 60-year-old divorcee to buy two "Lifetime Memberships" and special courses costing a total of $30,000. (The woman said that the manager of one of the Arthur Murray studios had promised to marry her.)

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Most U.S. clergymen jump at an invitation to deliver the invocation or benediction at a major party's state political convention. But last month, in search of a Roman Catholic priest to share religious honors at the Republican convention, Maine's Republican leaders tried seven priests, got seven turndowns. Both church and state knew why: at the legislature's special session in January, the G.O.P. majority in both houses defeated a drive by the Democratic minority to change the state school law, allow local communities the option of providing public-school bus service for parochial schools. The heavy Republican vote against the bill irritated Catholic clergy and laity, impatient after years of supporting church schools by contribution, public schools by taxes. "Can we always turn the other cheek?" demanded an editorial in the Portland diocese's official Church World. "Tolerance doesn't mean submission to everything." Some irate customers took dead aim on ex-dairyman Earle M. Hillman of Bangor, Republican senate president, who cast the deciding vote to defeat one version of the bill

after a senate tie. So many customers canceled orders from Bangor's Footman-Hillman Dairy that the dairy's owners started painting Hillman's name off their trucks and explained that they had bought him out more than four years ago. Next, boycotters turned on another Bangor dairy owned by Hillman's son, heckled him, his family and his customers until he went out of business last month. The harsh weapon of the boycott raised a cry of "intolerance" in the Bangor News and among Protestants, who make up 74.9% of Maine's population.

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In the modest, neat-as-a-pin apartment in Pittsburgh's Terrace Village, the 11 p.m. feeding of Leonard Patrick Nyland, who was 5 weeks old on April Fools' Day, proceeds much as in any other baby-bossed household. At the first lusty yell, his mother, 30-year-old Shirley Nyland, hastens softly into the bedroom and deftly changes his diaper. Her husband, 42-year-old Ernest R. Nyland, Jr., sighs and gets out of his chair beside the TV set which is turned to the news, and goes to the kitchen, where he warms a formula-filled bottle. And then, Leonard settles into his mother's arms and gets his bottle. But for the Nylands, Leonard's feeding is a challenge and a triumph--for Shirley has been almost totally blind since birth and Ernest blind since 1950. And how well they care for their young son may determine whether they can some day regain custody of his two-year-old sister, Mary Ruth. The older child is now in the temporary custody of Mrs. Nyland's father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. George Haltin of Alexandria, Va. An Alexandria court made the award in November, on the ground that the Nylands had not shown they could care for a child. While the Nylands wait for the court to set a date for their new appeal for Mary Ruth, they are confident that they will be able to present Leonard as a healthy, well-cared-for Exhbit A. To friends who gently ask whether Mary Ruth, accustomed to a sighted home, might be upset by the Nyland's world of blindness, Ernest Nyland simply replies: "We're her parents."

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Preposterous as it might seem, it was true: Rivalry between the Air Force and Navy over launching and tracking facilities for space-probing rockets had become so bitter that only a formal treaty forestalled open conflict. The document was entitled "Agreement for Coordinated Peacetime Operation of the Pacific Missile Range," and the signatures affixed thereto were those of Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, Chief of Naval Operations, and Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force. But even with a treaty, the two services operated their adjacent missile-launching centers at Vandenberg Air Force Base and Point Mugu, in California, under the tense conditions of an armed truce. Last month, Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates, Jr., fed up, put the Defense Department's whole, far-flung, billion-dollar complex of space-probe launching sites under the tight control of a single civilian, Dr. Herbert F. York, Defense's Director of Research and Engineering. But the battle might not be over. To the Navy's dismay, Gates named as York's deputy, suave and savvy Maj. Gen. Donald N. Yates, commander of the Cape Canaveral missile-test center, and a member of the U.S. Air Force.

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For the intellectual, politician, or celebrity, a tempting proposition this year is a trip to Fidel Castro's Cuba, where a visitor can see real revolution in action while enjoying the uncrowded comforts of a winter resort. The invitation usually comes from an overseas official of Castro's July 26 movement, who arrives bearing a free, first-class ticket on Cubana Airlines and free reservations at such luxury hotels as the Habana Hilton. At rum-punch receptions and over dinners of Morro crab, the friendly visitor soaks up heady talk of revolution, sometimes from the "maximum leader" himself. Trips are arranged to schools, hospitals and agricultural co-ops, or to beaches, cockfights and nightclubs. All that the visitor need contribute is a little quotable praise of Cuba or criticism of the U.S.--and the kind of visitor selected is usually glad to oblige.

Joe Louis says "there is no place in the world except Cuba where the Negro can go in the wintertime with absolutely no discrimination." Jack Paar (who paid

his own way down) deplores the "untruthful things I've read about what was happening in Cuba. This man Castro is beloved by these people." Existentialist Jean-Paul Sartre called the Cuban revolution "the most original I have known" and dismissed the U.S. as a "headless nation." All this sentiment got a loud echo in Manhattan last month from something called "the Fair Play for Cuba Committee," a group of 28 including Sartre, his friend Simone de Beauvior, novelists Norman Mailer and Truman Capote (who explained that "my stepfather is Cuban"), and British-born New Yorker drama critic Kenneth Tynan ("Americans tend to judge a regime on the extent to which it likes America"). In a seven-column, $4,725 ad in the New York Times, the Fair Players charged that the U.S. press is deliberately distorting the news from Cuba.

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"What's the matter with you?" friends used to ask Montreal port manager Guy Beaudet. "You're driving a Chevy. Why don't you get a job as a toll collector and drive a Cadillac?" Cracks like this, Beaudet told a committee of the Canadian House of Commons, made him wonder about the state of toll-collecting on the government-owned Jacques Cartier Bridge which spans the St. Lawrence River at Montreal. The popularity of the toll-taking jobs in itself was suspicious; the jobs entail night work and pay only $164 an hour. There were also rumors that two toll-takers owned a luxury hunting lodge in the Laurentians and that another collector flew his own airplane. Beaudet said he had asked first the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and then income-tax officials to investigate, but each passed the buck to the other. Finally he got Canadian National Railways police to step in. The result: Eight collectors were fired for failing to hand in receipts for tolls. But an arbitration board ordered them reinstated. As a last resort, Beaudet put in automatic toll-collecting machines. When these went into operation last fall, it was expected that revenues would drop off by about $63,000 in the first six months of operation because the tolls had to be simplified and in effect reduced to permit machine collection . But instead of falling, bridge revenues

increased by a tidy $530,000. Traffic was a little heavier, true, but the figures seemed to confirm the suspicion that over the years perhaps millions had adhered to the sticky fingers of toll takers. One guess was they pocketed up to $1,500 a day. Due to operating deficits and debt interest, the $18,650,000 bridge is now $28.5 million in the red.

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We now have writing guides that can be used on pads, sizes 3x5 and 5x8. Similar guides have been used for years by Katie Kreisworth, who gave us the idea. The guides are especially helpful for those who need to reply to strangers by writing on a pad. If you are in need of these guides, let us know and we shall be glad to send them to you without charge. Send requests to the Foundation's Services to the Deaf-Blind.

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Clothing tags for color identification of garments, manufactured and donated by the Telephone Pioneers of America, may be had free of charge. These aluminum tags bear two-letter abbreviations in braille, such as "bk" for black, "pk" for pink, etc. They have a hole at each end for sewing onto clothing. They come in sets of twenty tags, two for each of ten colors. Requests, to be sent to the Foundation's Special Services Department, will be filled in the order that they are received as long as the supply lasts.

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SPORTS SHOTS

Cleveland traded Rocky Colavito, who hit 42 home runs last year, to Detroit for Harvey Kuenn, the 1959 AL batting champion. ... The Tigers swapped third baseman Steve Demeter, 25, with the Indians for outfielder-first baseman Norman Cash, 25. ... The Indians gave up pitcher Leo Kiely to the Kansas City Athletics in exchange for pitcher Bob Grim. ... The Giants, one of the favorites to win the NL pennant, purchased firt baseman Dale Long, 34, from the Cubs for an undisclosed amount of cash. ... After one game of the 1960 National League season, Eddie Sawyer became the year's first managerial casualty. Sawyer resigned as manager of the Phillies and was promptly replaced by 34-year-old Gene Mauch. ... The Montreal Canadiens swept four straight games from the Toronto Maple Leafs, won the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup for an unprecedented fifth straight year, and inspired an old cry: Break up the Canadiens. ... Windmilling Gene Fullmer and counter-punching Joey Giardello battled through 15 rounds of brutal fist-fighting to a draw in their bout for the NBA middleweight championship, Fullmer keeping the title. ... Pone Kingpetch, 24, of Thailand, won the world flyweight boxing championship from defender Pascual Perez of Argentina in a bloody 15-round bout. ... At the A.A.U. swimming championships held at Yale, the 400-yd. medley was won by Stanford Junior George Harrison, 20, in 4:28.6 to better by 2.6 sec. the fastest time ever recorded for the event. ... Army Lieut. Bill Nieder (6 ft. 3 in., 242 lbs.) got off a put of 65 ft. 7 in. to break the world shotput record by a whopping 1 ft. ½ in. at the Texas Relays in Austin. ... Pole vaulter J.D. Martin, University of Oklahoma Junior, cleared the cross-bar at a world record: 15 ft. 9 ½ in. ... Using radical, shovel-shaped oar blades, the Oxford crew trounced Cambridge on the Thames by 1½ lenghts in their 106th race. ... Bally Ache, owned by Leonard Fruchtman, won the $120,000 Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park.

JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! It's me again.

I know a little red dog. His hair is red and his name is "Red."

He has long ears and a short tail. His hair is long and it curls. But Red's legs are short. He can run right under me. But I can run faster.

The Boss and I went to visit the little red dog. He has a big house and a big yard. There are lots of rooms and lots of stairs.

I ran all over the house. I ran up the stairs and down the other stairs. Then I did it around the other way. Red was afraid of the back stairs. They turn in the middle. Red can go up and down the front stairs.

I looked at everything and opened all the doors I could. I found a lot of Red's toys. He let me play with them. And he played too.

But Red had one funny ball. He wouldn't let me play with that one. The ball wouldn't bounce. It just rolled in queer ways. Red pushed it with his nose and it came around back at him. He pushed it again and it came back around the other way. He barked and barked and then growled at it. But the ball still did the same things.

Red told me not to touch that ball. I didn't.

I wish I had a funny ball. I could push it harder than Red. Maybe I could make it roll properly.

Goodbye!

Jannie Dinsmore

MARGINALIA

New York City's newly formed Stevenson-for-President Committee announced plans to assemble 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 signers in the metropolitan area for presentation to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles in July. This was just one of a string of such draft-Adlai Stevenson organizations operating in 24 states. ... In Britain's biggest and most significant demonstration against nuclear weapons, a crowd of over 75,000 demonstrators led by Bertrand Russell, 87, demanded unilateral nuclear disarmament by Britain, the end of United States and British nuclear bases in Britain and Britain's withdrawal from alliances such as NATO. ... All Cuban citizens over 14 years old, including Catholic priests, must register in the new labor census, the government announced. "Everyone must work in Cuba--including priests--because the revolution has wiped out all privileges," Labor Minister Augusto Martinez declared. ... The city of Lar and nearby villages in Iran were leveled by two shattering earthquakes, killing at least 700 persons and injuring thousands. Most of the victims were women and children; the men were in the fields farming. ... Senator Hubert H. Humphrey has slashed his national political headquarters staff 50 per cent because "we're broke." The Democratic Presidential aspirant said he had come out of the Wisconsin campaign (which Kennedy won) with a deficit of $10,000. ... Retired Maj. Gen. Henry Clay Hodges celebrated his 100th birthday at West Point. President Eisenhower sent "a special salute" to the Point's oldest alumnus, who graduated in 1881. ... All Catholics in Rome are to be forbidden to do such modern dances as rock 'n' roll and the cha-cha-cha, and priests will be banned from taking part in games of chance, even when organized for worthy purposes, the Vatican announced. While directed only to residents of Rome and visitors, the rules are intended as models for dioceses everywhere. ... Speaking at Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem where he is minister, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell urged a boycott on

diamonds and lobster tails from South Africa to combat racial policies there. ... Stanley Wilson, 40, a London carpenter, scooped 100,000 pounds ($280,000) with a penny bet on Britain's soccer pools, becoming the only person in the world to win that amount for a penny. ... Living costs climbed to an all-time peak during March and probably will continue setting new records until July, the Labor Department announced. ... Lillian Hellman's "Toys in the Attic" has received the Drama Critics Circle Award as this year's best American play. "Fiorello!" was selected as the best musical and "Five Finger Exercise" the best foreign play. ... Grand Duchess Xenia, sister of the late Russian Czar Nicholas II, died in London at 85. Related to the British royal family, Xenia escaped the 1917 revolution on a warship provided by King George V. ... Birth-control pills for men are bing developed from chemicals used to fight cancer and bacterial infections, Dr. Warren C. Nelson of the Rockefeller Institute disclosed. ... Describing all of America's major problems as stemming from Communism either at home or abroad, Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer (U.S. Army, Ret.) urged the U.S. to withdraw from the United Nations and elect J. Edgar Hoover as President--"the one man best able to combat Communism in this country." ... Albert Newman, 40, a blind British farmer, has installed a radar guidance system on his tractor, enabling him to drive the vehicle skillfully on his 87-acre farm. A former engineer who lost his sight 13 years ago, Newman built the device with spare pieces of portable radios costing about $70. ... At the Red Army Theater, a Soviet audience of 1,800 gave a fifteen-minute standing ovation to its first view of an American musical comedy, "My Fair Lady." The popular production was brought to Moscow under the American-Soviet cultural exchange agreement. ... A new through-train service between London and Moscow will go into operation May 29, British Railways announced. The trip, including a Channel ferry, will take two days. ... In testimony before a House Appropriations subcommittee, missile expert Werner von Braun said the U.S. will have by 1968 or 1969 an atomic-assisted Saturn rocket capable of hurling a 72,000-pound payload

into orbit or making a round trip to the moon. ... President Syngman Rhee of South Korea formally resigned after bloody anti-government riots. ... Mrs. Carole Tylor, 25, of Torrance, Calif., gave birth by Caesarean section operation to a live baby boy hours after she had died of gunshot wounds inflicted by her husband, Marvin Tylor, 26. ... Products on display in supermarkets soon will have smell appeal. Plastic wrappers on foodstuffs are being impregnated with frangrances hinting at what is inside; packages of beef smell like steak, loaves of bread seem to be baking right there in the store. ... Peter Llewellyn Davies, 63, who, as a child, inspired James M. Barrie to write "Peter Pan," killed himself by jumping in front of a subway train in London. ... A special commemoration stamp honoring American women will be placed on sale June 8, Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield announced. The stamp will depict a mother and a young girl with an open book before them. ... Frozen fried eggs, frozen French toast and freeze-dried scrambled eggs are being produced by Purdue University's poultry research laboratory. Dr. W.J. Stadleman, guiding the project, said these items may be kept in a freezer for as long as six months, then popped into a toaster for a tasty breakfast. ... Vyachesiav M. Molotove, 70, ousted in disgrace as Soviet Foreign Minister and given the post of Ambassador to Outer Mongolia in 1957, was reported under treatment in Moscow's Botkin Hospital for a kdney ailment. ... California's Gov. Edmund G. Brown signed into law the nation's first state-wide anti-smog program, requiring a fume suppressor on every new car sold in the state. ... The National Guard of Utah has issued bows and arrows to specially-trained archery units. "Unconventional warfare demands unconventional weapons," said Maj. Gen. Maxwell E. Rich, state adjutant general. ... Oil man W. Howard Lee, 51, received a divorce from actress Hedy Lamarr, 45. The Texas tycoon was Miss Lamarr's fifth husband, who agreed to a property settlement of $500,000. ... Rembrandt's long lost "Juno" was put at auction in London, but withdrawn four minutes later when it drew a maximum bid of only $147,000, half its current value.

TRIVIA

HARDER THAN WATER - A state police sign in Hartford, Conn., warns motorists: "He who takes one for the road will get a trooper for a chaser."

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THE LATIN TOUCH - In Rome, a magistrate ruled that petting in public, banned in Italy, is permissible if done in a car at night with all doors and windows closed--and outside city limits.

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TIME EXPOSURE - Maud Webb, 63, of Memphis, won a divorce from West A. Webb, 66, father of her 18 children, after testifying that he had "harassed" her for 20 years.

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SENSE OF PURPOSE - Joanne Bullard, 22, of Rockingham, N.C., got a six-month prison term for trying to smuggle two hacksaw blades to her husband in the county jail, along with a note saying: "Hurry home, Honey."

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PREPARED - In Bangor, Me., after police nabbed a 14-year-old boy trying to crack the safe of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, he explained that he had found his way through the darkened building by lighting an application card for a Boy Scout merit badge.

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WEDDING BELLS - Anna L. Hindman, of Springfield, Mo., suing for divorce, charged that her TV-engineer husband wired their bed with an electric "shocking machine" to enforce his edict that four hours of sleep at night is enough.

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CARE COURSE - When kindergarten teacher Florence Ann Mostler, 24, of New Hyde Park, N.Y., got married, 30 of her pupils showed up at the church each carrying a shiny red apple.

CLIPPER SERVICE - James W. Brasher, 18, of Concord, Calif., told police that he helped barber Merrel Jackson Cline, 32, bomb another barber's nonunion shop after Cline promised him free haircuts for a year.

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ON PAPER - In Toledo, a motorist paid a $1 traffic fine with 100 one-cent checks each costing 5¢ in bank charges, sent them by registered mail, dished out a total of $6.60.

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CLEAN CUT - A disorderly-conduct charge against Jose Antonio Montes, 26, of Vineland, N.J., was dropped after his wife testified that she still loved him in spite of the fact that he had bashed her with a bottle of bleach.

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UNDERSTAFFED - Paper boy Leon Stagg of Tulsa, Okla., was told to put the police chief's copy of the World under his office door "to keep detectives from stealing it."

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WITH MUSTARD - In Bushy Park, Middlesex, England, Billy Hudgins, 11, a sixth-grader in a U.S. Air Force elementary school, asked to write a theme on space travel, reckoned out the gastronomic requirements of an interplanetary junket: "584 ham sandwiches, 764 Coca Colas and 407 cakes and pies."

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CUSTOMER COMPLAINT - Assistant District Attorney Oscar McInnes of Edinburg, Texas, got a letter from a Hidalgo county jail prisoner complaining that he had no door key, there was no elevator service, electricity was shut off at 8 p.m., preventing him from using his electric razor, and "we never get any beans, which are a prerequisite for good health."

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The editorial staff and the readers of TOUCH--AND--GO extend deep sympathy to Miss Helen Keller in the passing of Miss Polly Thomson, her constant companion since 1914. This is the second great bereavement in the life of Miss Keller. This message is intended to convey to her the kind thoughts and understanding of others who also have experienced loss of sight and hearing.

MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

There is an annual event in Philadelphia called "The Educational Week for the Blind"--an event which has become a tradition in that city.

The Educational Week for the Blind is held in a large auditorium at Gimbel Brothers department store. The space is donated each year for this special week. All of the agencies for the blind in the Philadelphia area cooperate in the project and voluntary groups of church women prepare and serve luncheon each day. One day you can buy a Presbyterian lunch, another day a Baptist lunch, etc.

A variety of programs are given daily on a central platform and booths are set up around the walls of the hall to display work of the various participating agencies. Many articles made by blind people are sold during the week. Demonstrations are given to show the lay public the capabilities of blind workers and also to give them some conception of methods used in the education of blind children.

The daily attendance at the Gimbel auditorium is high and many people seem to return year after year, renewing pleasant associations. When I worked in Philadelphia, I seldom missed dropping in at Gimbel's for at least one of the programs and it was here that I met Esther Williams and Gertrude Robinson, my first deaf-blind friends.

On the first day of the Week for the Blind, awards are made to several individuals in recognition of their services to the blind on a national level

and on a local level. This year Dr. Gregor Ziemer and I were chosen as the recipients of the national awards. It was thrilling and at the same time embarrassing because the presentation speech was given in such glowing terms that I hardly recognized myself.

The award was in the form of a plaque which now hangs proudly above my desk. It is made of highly polished walnut with a brass scroll fastened on it. The scroll is engraved as follows

33rd Annual Educational Week for the Blind

Achievement Award

Presented to

Annette B. Dinsmore

for Distinguished Service in the field of

Rehabilitation and Education for the Blind

1960

During the ceremony, the following telegram was read:

> "Philadelphia 33rd Education Week for the Blind.
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> The trustees and staff of the American Foundation for the Blind profoundly thrilled that two of our colleagues Dr. Gregor Ziemer and Miss Annette B. Dinsmore have been chosen among those being honored by your group for outstanding contributions in the field of service for blind persons and deaf-blind persons. The function of the Foundation is such that its personnel must continually perform unselfishly and with exactness, and seldom are they permitted a moment of congratulation. We join you in extending to them this deep appreciation for the work they have done and we know that they will continue to do.
>
> M. Robert Barnett
> Executive Director, AFB"

Needless to say, I was deeply moved. Dr. Ziemer, I am sure, has been honored many times, but for me it was a moment that comes "once in a lifetime."

NEWS DIGEST

One of Maine's prouder political distinctions is that it boasts the only woman in the U.S. Senate, Republican Margaret Chase Smith, 62. Handsome Maggie Smith is up for re-election this fall--and she faces the fight of her political life. But whoever wins, Maine will not lose its distaff distinction. Last month the Democratic minority leader of the Maine legislature, popular, plump Lucia Cormier, 48, tossed her bonnet in the ring to oppose Maggie Smith's third-term bid. For the first time in U.S. history, two women are to scrap for the Senate seat. Challenger Cormier, who runs a stationery shop in Rumford (pop. 9,954), was a lukewarm Republican until 1945, when she dropped in on a Democratic town meeting "as something to do for an evening," liked the Democrats and their message. In 1947 she was elected to the state legislature, became Maine's Democratic national committeewoman (1948-56), rolled up a reputation as such a strong vote getter (especially among her fellow French Catholics) that she has run unopposed in recent elections. Incumbent Smith currently has the edge in the Senate race. But the Republican reign in Maine has been slowly on the wane. And Lucia Cormier is bound to be helped by the fact that the state's Democratic slate is headed by one of Maine's champion vote getters, two-term Congressman Frank Morey Coffin, 40, scion of an old Maine Democratic family (his grandfather, grandmother and mother held political offices in the state), who put off his own ambitions for the Senate to run for the patronage-heavy Governor's seat, now occupied by young (39) Republican John H. Reed.

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Even to Americans who never saw a big-league ball game, never set foot in Brooklyn, there was always something special about the Brooklyn Dodgers and their shrine--Ebbets Field. "Everything happens at Ebbets Field," awestruck broadcasters used to announce once or twice a game. And all over the land the millions who followed the fortunes of the Bums would grin and wag their heads.

There was the day old Dodger outfielder Casey Stengel doffed his cap to hooting fans and a sparrow flew out. Or the day a mob of Dodger fans, outraged because a game was sold out, seized a telephone pole and battered down the concrete gate. To fans steeped in baseball lore, there were other delights that made the Dodgers a legend: In the first game ever played in Ebbets Field a Dodger outfielder named Benny (Earache) Meyer dropped an easy fly ball that lost for Brooklyn, 1-0, "Meyer is human," The Brooklyn Eagle charitably explained, "and the wind was strong." In one great comedy of errors in 1926, Dodger slugger Babe Herman succeeded in doubling into a double play and the Dodgers wound up with three men on third base. The legends departed from Brooklyn in 1957 when the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles. Ebbets Field, with a seating capacity of 32,111, was too small, the Dodger front office declared. Last month their lonely ball park was departing, too. Clearing the ground for a new apartment house, wreckers started swinging an iron ball at the ancient (well, 1913) concrete-and-steel. framework.

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Into Thompson Hall at Teachers College of Columbia University trooped some 60 graduate students for a final examination on mental hygiene. Of those who took the exam last January, one was a ghost: a "Mike Benson" had been hired for $40 to substitute for a student uncertain of his own ability to pass. "Mike Benson" was, in fact, New York World-Telegram & Sun reporter Alex M. (for Michael) Benson, 32. And last month largely on the basis of evidence unearthed by him, the New York District Attorney's men raided eight Manhattan agencies engaged in the business of hiring examination ringers and ghostwriters for college term papers, degree papers and even doctoral theses. Newsman Benson had come by his noteworthy story, published in seven World-Telegram installments, with remarkable ease. Last December he got an advice-seeking telephone call from a friend who, after answering a want ad in the New York Times, had had an offer of $18 to ghostwrite a term paper for a Manhattan college student. Benson decided to

follow up. Posing as a well-educated chap named Mike Benson, he got in touch with the agency that had hired his friend, also sent letters to nine other agencies advertising in the Sunday Times. Benson's first overture produced the ghost test-taking assignment at Columbia's Teachers College. His letters produced an answer from a midtown Manhattan agency--whose proprietor promptly made Benson an equal partner. In five days on this job Benson, who was operating with the D.A.'s full knowledge, rifled the agency files and turned in ample evidence that stand-in scholarship is a flourishing business. Over the past three years, for example, the agency employing Benson had accepted commissions to write theses for at least eight graduate scholars, for fees ranging from $350 to $3,000, on subjects ranging from the Elizabethan theater to the educational ideas of Robert M. Hutchins. The racket was national in scope: Benson found that New York agencies advertising in national periodicals attracted indolent scholars from as far as Texas, Indiana and Alaska.

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"The Italians," says Field Marshal Erich von Manstein in his memoirs of Stalingrad, simply "disappeared from the battlefield." In the most decisive battle of World War II, the Russians, breaking through west of the city on the front held by 220,000 men of Mussolini's Italian Expeditionary Force among others, hurtled on across the Don steppes and never finally stopped till they got to Berlin. In six weeks of catastrophic rout and retreat, the Italians' ten divisions suffered casualties officially estimated at 115,000 men. Of these, they evacuated 30,000 wounded and listed 11,000 as dead. Later the Russians returned 10,000 P.W.s. What became of the other 64,000? The Russians say that they have none. But in Italy, the question dogs the Communists in every election. In the Neapolitan district of Mergellina, an association of several hundred mothers holds regular meetings and petitions Parliament for word of their sons in Russia. When Italy's President Giovanni Gronchi was in Moscow two months ago, his wife, Donna Carla Gronchi, demanded an official accounting on behalf of the Italian Red Cross.

"I asked for documentation for every one of the missing," she said, "and if any one of them is dead, I want to know how he died, why he died, and where he died."

Last month Komsomolskaya Pravda offered a partial accounting. The Soviet Commission Investigating German Atrocities had taken testimony from one Nina Pietruszkowna, a young Polish interpreter for the Italian command, who said that after Mussolini's fall in 1943, Nazi authorities in Lvov asked Italian troops and officers to swear allegiance to Hitler Germany and continue the war against the Soviet Union, and that those who refused were arrested. "More than 2,000 Italians were arrested, and the Nazis shot them all." she testified. "Among those shot were five generals and 45 officers, many of whom I knew personally." If true, this would account for several thousand, but not the full 64,000. Where are the rest?

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The tallest apartment houses ever built will start rising this summer in the heart of Chicago's downtown area, north of the Loop. Architect Bertrand Goldberg, 46, a onetime student of Mies van der Rohe, devotes the first 18 floors of his pair of circular towers to a spiral ramp for automobiles, and the top 40 stories to pie-shaped apartments, each with its own balcony. Called Marina City, the project will fill a 3.1-acre plot, now occupied by a railroad siding bordering on the Chicago River hard by the famed Wrigley Building, will include drydock storage space for 700 boats, a theater, a ten-story office building, and a park. Cost: $36 million, to be financed by the A.F.L.-C.I.O. Building Service Employees' International Union. It was the first time that such a project has been financed by a labor union, but in this case it made sense. "Unless we protect the growth of downtown centers," a union official explained, "the safety of our own jobs will be at stake." Architect Goldberg's most daring stroke was to raise all the 896 projected apartments well above city noise and dust, while providing garage space underneath for each family. His next best stroke: balconies for every apartment, overlooking the daytime and nighttime splendors of Chicago as if from a magic carpet. Rents surprisingly enough, will start at a modest $115 a month.

Gabriel Germaneau stomped in from the barnyard on his farm near Poitiers. "Girls and their parties," he snorted. "All this chatter and confusion. All this money for new dresses just for a costume ball." "But Papa," said his daughter Yolande. "Am I not beautiful? She pirouetted round him and smiled her prettiest. "And Papa, look at this," said another daughter, Gisele. She put on the mask she would wear at the party and blinked her dark eyelashes to him. "C'est bein," Germaneau grumped. "But behave yourselves. And don't forget to say good-by to your sister Laure." "Of course, Papa," they said. They pecked Laure on both cheeks. "So sorry, ma chere, that your Bernard could not take you tonight," they told her. Seventeen-year-old Laure did not hear the words. She is deaf and almost mute. But Laure understood. Her fiance, 20-year-old Bernard Binet, had relatives visiting, and of course he couldn't come. Papa Germaneau settled down with his pipe. A younger brother, Gerard, read. An hour passed, Then suddenly sounds like gunfire rattled the windows. "We are being attacked," Gerard gasped. He slammed the front door tight and then bolted it. "Robbers!" cried Germaneau. He loaded his old rabbit gun and shouted for the intruder to leave. No answer. Germaneau tiptoed to the attic and peered from a small window. In the shadows he saw a man with a white mask over his face. Again, he shouted a warning. But the stranger gave no answer. That was enough. Germaneau raised the gun to his shoulder and fired. The man at the door pitched forward. By the time the fallen man's mask was removed it was too late. "Papa," sobbed Laure, forming her words painfully and slowly. "My little Bernard is dead." Bernard, who was as deaf as Laure and completely mute, had meant it all as a joke. He had bought firecrackers to startle the family before making a grand entrance to announce that he could take Laure to the costume party after all. But because of his deafness Bernard could not hear Papa Germaneau's stern warnings. And if he could have heard, he could not have replied.

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SPORTS SHOTS

The Red Sox traded star catcher Sammy White and first baseman Jim Marshall to the Indians for catcher Russ Nixon, 25. When White, 31, who led all AL catchers in hitting last year with .286, was informed of the trade, he sent a letter of voluntary retirement to Commissioner Ford Frick, touching off a feud between general managers of the Boston and Cleveland clubs. ... Mickey Vernon, 42, new Pirate coach, may act as pinch-hitter and part-time first baseman. Vernon, a two-time AL batting champion, needs only a half-season to become a 20-year veteran and the first player in history to have played in four different decades. ... Dixie Howell, 40, a former pitcher for the Chicago White Sox, died of a heart attack during spring training with the Indianapolis Indians of the American Assn. ... In a battle between college basketball's best defense and college basketball's best offense, aggressive Ohio State won the N.C.A.A. championship by beating the University of California 75-55. ... In Madison Square Garden, Bradley University hustling basketball squad came from behind to defeat outmanned Providence College, 88-72, to win the 23rd National Invitation Tournament. ... As the pro-basketball season ended Philadelphia's rookie Wilt Chamberlain, 23, set three NBA records: 2,707 points and an average of 37.6 points per game (the old records: 2,105 and 29.2, both set by St. Louis' Bob Pettit), and 1,941 rebounds (old record: 1,612, set by Boston's Bill Russell). ... The National Football League approved the transfer of the Chicago Cardinals to St. Louis for the 1960 season. ... John Thomas, 19, Boston University high jumper, cleared 7 ft. 2⅛ in. at the Chicago Relays--breaking his own world record for the sixth consecutive time. ... Army Lieut. Bill Nieder, 26, of Kansas, smashed the world shotput record with a herculean heave of 63 ft.,10 in., breaking Parry O'Brien's record of 63 ft., 2 in,,set earlier last month. ... Stanford's Ernie Cunliffe ran a 4:04.4 outdoor mile to win the event in the Stanford winter track championships--the fastest outdoor mile of the season. ... Archie Moore had his light-heavyweight title restored by the NBA.

JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! It's me again.

The Boss took me to a big place. She said it was the theatre. Helga went too.

Helga and the Boss sat in the middle of a long row of seats. I lay on the floor under their feet. Other people sat in the other seats.

It was dark except for some lights down front. I tried to go to sleep. But there was a lot of noise. Some people sang. Some people danced. Everybody laughed. How could I sleep!

I waited a long time. Then I crawled under the seat in front. I crawled between somebody's feet. I was quiet. I crawled under the rows. Every time I came up between some feet, somebody said, "Why it's a dog!"

Why were they surprised? I know I'm a dog.

Then I went around the front row and up the middle part. I always do like to look around.

Then Helga came and held my leash. She took me outside. I liked it there. The wind was cool and it smelled good. Then I remembered the Boss. Where was she? I started up the street to go home to find her. Helga wouldn't let me. She took me back into the theatre--just inside the door.

The Boss was not there. I sat down and howled and howled.

Pretty soon the Boss came and I was happy again. I jumped all over her and kissed her.

The Boss says I behave much better in church than in the theatre. But you can really sleep in church.

Goodbye!

Jannie Dinsmore

MARGINALIA

Princess Margaret, 29, and Antony Armstrong-Jones, 30, will be married in Westminster Abbey on May 6. Prince Philip, Queen Elizabeth's husband, will give the bride away and the Most Rev. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, will officiate. ... Senator Richard L. Neuberger, 47, who was elected in 1954 the first Democratic Senator from Oregon in forty years, died of a cerebral hemorrhage. ... President Eisenhower accepted the resignation of John Doerfer as chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and promoted Frederick W. Ford, another FCC member, to his place. Doerfer has been under fire for taking a yachting excursion in Florida last month as guest of a radio and television tycoon. ... Pope John designated seven new Cardinals, including the first Negro, the first Japanses and the first Filipino ever to be princes of the Catholic Church. The appointments were regarded in high Vatican quarters as indicating an international role the Church is prepared to play in the troubled world today. ... Gov. Orval Faubus, 50, announced he will seek an unprecedented fourth term as Governor of Arkansas, pledging he would continue fighting for a defense of states' rights if re-elected. ... Michigan's Gov. G. Mennen Williams, 49, the nation's first Governor to serve six straight terms, told a state-wide radio and TV audience that he would not seek a seventh term. He said he had made "no commitment for national office," although it is no secret he would accept the Democratic Vice Presidential nomination. ... Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, 76, director of the Museum of Natural History in New York, world famous explorer and naturalist, died of a heart attack. Dr. Andrews discovered the first known dinosaur eggs and a skeleton of the baluchitherium, largest known mammal. ... The Rev. Allan F. Sawyer, Jr., 30, white pastor of the First Universalist Church in Springfield, Mass., was arrested while picketing an F.W. Woolworth store in protest against lunch counter segregation in the South. He was arrested for violating a city ordinance which prohibits carrying

placards or passing out handbills on Main Street. ... Teddy Nadler, the all-time television quiz-show money winner, failed a test for a $13-a-day job as a census taker. The former $70-a-week government clerk who made $264,000 by answering scholarly questions on TV couldn't tell the difference between east and west on a map. ... The Bank of England issued a new one-pound note, portraying Queen Elizabeth II in an oval frame on the right-hand side of the note's face--the first ever to bear the portrait of a reigning monarch. ... The Santa Fe railroad and a trucking company were sued for $1,000,000 by ten children of Dealer Cook Jordan, 77, and his wife, Alice, 65, of Cabot, Ark., who died in a train wreck at Bakersfield, Calif The accident, caused by a collision between the Santa Fe Chief and a tank truck, killed 15 and critically injured 55 others. ... Mrs. Beverly Nina Avery, 49, of Los Angeles, filed suit for divorce, charging her 14th husband with extreme cruelty. To keep the record straight Mrs. Avery said she actually had been married 16 times--twice to the same husband. ... A 1912 Baker electric car, drawing its electrical energy from the sun through the use of silicon solar cells mounted on the roof of the car, was driven through Central Park, N.Y. This old "horseless carriage" is the world's first sun-powered vehicle, foreshadowing the automobile of tomorrow. ... The Alaska Senate passed by a vote of 12 to 7 a House Bill to permit honor prisoners to have periodic overnight visits from their spouses. While opponents of the measure said the visitation system would make Alaska "the laughing stock of every two-bit master of ceremonies," proponents declared it would help hold families together and be an incentive to good behavior. ... Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip named their second son Andrew Albert Christian Edward. They chose the first two names in honor of their fathers; Prince Andrew of Greece was Philip's father, Albert was King George VI's first name. ... In contract proposals to Newark, N.J., building-materials companies, Local 406 is demanding that Teamsters' president James R. Hoffa's birthday--Feb. 14, St. Valentine's Day--be made a paid holiday. ... In a special message, President Eisenhower asked a generally hostile Congress to

raise postal rates again to offset a postal deficit of $2 million a working day. ... Franklin P. Adams, the F.P.A. of many newspaper columns and of the "Information Please" radio program, died in New York at 78. ...Hayes Lamont, 26, of New York, grandson of Thomas W. Lamont, former chairman of J.P. Morgan & Co., was married to Isolde Silkovskis, 26, of Hamilton,Ont., a Latvian refugee whose father is a local janitor. ... Terrorists, presumably Peronist elements, bombed the home of Argentine army intelligence Maj. David Rene Cabrera, killing his 3-year-old daughter. President Arturo Frondizi ordered emergency measures giving military courts jurisdiction to mete out the death penalty. ... Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn and Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey demanded the resignation of Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler for "making himself a partisan" of Sen. John F. Kennedy. They charged that Butler had publicly predicted Kennedy would win the Democratic Presidential nomination. ... After 13 years of marriage, actress Laraine Day, 39, was seeking a divorce from baseball's fiery Leo Durocher, 53. ... Little Rock's Police Chief Eugene Smith, 47, killed his wife and himself when he learned that his only son, Raymond Eugene Smith, 20, was convicted of burglary. ... The earthquake-shattered city of Agadir in which an estimated 10,000 persons perished will be rebuilt on solid rock just south of the ruins of the once-gay seaside resort, Moroccan authorities announced. ... The world's biggest underground garage, with capacity for 3,000 cars, is being constructed beneath the historic Common in Boston, Mass. .. Klaas Bleekers, 8, was acclaimed a national hero in Holland because he reported a leak in a dike and saved the Dutch city of Zaandam from imminent disaster. ... Mrs. Frances Tetreault, 50, of Northvale, N.J., was chewed and clawed to death by Blackie, her 5-year-old prize-winning Doberman pinscher, long the favorite of his kennel-owner mistress. ... Woolworth heir Lance Reventlow, 24, son of heiress Barbara Hutton, was married to actress Jill St. John, 19. ...Robert Dunphy, 18, son of a retired New York City detective now a security officer at an institution for juvenile delinquency, was arrested as the "phantom terror," who mugged and robbed 12 women in the Bronx, N.Y. ... The Cunard Line, foremost trans-Atlantic

passenger carrier almost from the time its first liner made the trip from Liverpool to Boston 120 years ago next July, announced that it proposes to supplement its seagoing service with an air line. ... Carol Heiss, women's Olympic figure-skating champion, and Hayes Alan Jenkins, 27, men's Olympic figure-skating champion in 1956 will be married April 30. ... Robert Affleck Robertson, 47, former director of a London bank jailed for seven years in 1957 for embezzlement, will shortly be released. From his prison cell he played the market so successfully that he was able to repay his victims every penny--$560,000. ...Melvin Purvis, in his early 50's who led the FBI team which shot gunman John Dillinger to death in the 1930's was found dead of a self-inflicted pistol shot. ... Actor Sydney Chaplin, 33, son of Charlie Chaplin, and French dancer Noelle Adam, 26, were married. ... Russian scientists have invented an electrically operated sun watch which derives its power from a small solar battery, the Soviet news Agency Tass reported. ... Mrs. Betty Lanza, 37, widow of Mario Lanza, died of a "broken heart." Her family said she had never fully recovered from the shock of her husband's death and the strain of going through three public funerals--in Rome, Beverly Hills, and in Philadelphia --held for her world-renowned husband who died last October. ... Inquiries by the Civil Aeronautics Board indicated that the National Airlines DC6B, blasted from the sky Jan. 6 with loss of 34 lives, had been dynamited. The explosion occurred near the seat occupied by a young New York lawyer, Julian Frank, who had taken out more than $1 million worth of life insurance last year. ... At the 56th annual dinner of the Explorers Club held in New York's Hotel Biltmore, the bill of fare included: boa constrictor (served with orchid jelly), iguana tails, calves' eyes, seal flippers (raw), sparrows, grasshoppers, squid served in their own ink and a forty-pound monkey. ... The Russians named twelve salient craters on the far side of the moon for world-famous personages, including one American, Thomas A. Edison. The craters were photographed by cameras aboard the cosmic satellite that circled the moon last October.

TRIVIA

PUTTING HIS FOOT DOWN - In Carthage, S Dak., when the city auditor sent out notices for dog licenses addressed to the dogs, Vergil Herron followed suit, sent back a check for the license signed with the paw print of his dog.

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PRINCIPLE OF THE THING - On his way to jail for drunkenness, one resourceful man of Spokane, Wash., noticed parading pickets of striking city workers, dug a union button out of his pocket, cried: "I can't cross the picket line."

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MOONING - In Washington, D.C., Senator Kenneth B. Keating mulled over a letter from an anxious constituent: "I don't approve of sending our men up into space. They may stay there and we'll end up by having more old maids here than ever."

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THE WRONG VEIN - The Red Cross dismantled a billboard showing Mayor James L. Maxwell of Tulsa, Okla., donating blood, with the caption: "Maxwell--Good to the Last Drop."

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BREACH OF PROMISE - Kindly granting her supposedly dying ex-husband's last request, Catherine Logan of Akron, Ohio, remarried him, had the marriage annulled after her husband unexpectedly recovered and started chasing her around his hospital room.

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ON ICE - Barbara Rogers, 19, of Bristol, England, newly elected Temperance Queen, returned her Crown and robes, admitted: "I had my first drink at a Christmas party, and since then I have had alcohol several times."

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EXCHANGE PROGRAM - In Laramie, Wyo., when University of Wyoming student Mrs. Bonny Rininger asked for a baby sitter so that she could take her final exam, her professor obliged, minded the baby while mother scored 93 on the exam.

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LUNAR PROBE - Eileen Bengal, 2½, of Northfield, N.J., climbed to the top of a 50-ft. television tower next to her home, when rescued beamed: "I was trying to go to the moon."

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SINGLE LANE - Mrs. James A. Haught of Charleston, W.Va., complained to police that three horses trotting along U.S. 35 stepped on her Volkswagen, dented the roof and hood, twisted the radio antenna.

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RUNNING UP A BILL - In Hyattstown, Md., after learning that someone had shot his ducks and carried them off, farmer Harold Weisburg phoned police and the local newspaper to give the thieves a recipe for cooking them properly.

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SOCK THE RICH - District Director Ernest W. Bacon of the Albuquerque Internal Revenue Service received 12¢ from a nine-year-old boy with a note attached: "Allowance, 50¢ per week, 50 times 26 (sic) equals $26; pulling nails, 25¢; letting Joe hit me 5¢; not hitting him back, 3¢; cleaning up after dog, 25¢; painting doors, 50¢; total $27.08. Spent all but 12¢, am sending you and this makes me even."

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THE ESTATE - In Velika Plana, Yugoslavia, a tombstone in the village cemetery bears the inscription: "Here rests Zdravko Paunovic with his first wife Stanojka. The tombstone is erected by his third wife Dolka, from the money of his second wife, Zivkat."

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Mr. Schwartz

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

In the shadow of the high Sierra Nevada Mountains, the 1960 Winter Olympic Games were held during the last ten days of February. They were held in a tiny valley two miles long, eight thousand feet above sea level--Squaw Valley, Calif.

Seven hundred and fifty athletes from thirty different nations competed in all forms of winter sports, against a background of frosty beauty that set off the perfection of youth in action--champions all.

The spirit of the Olynpians and that of the thousands of spectators showed a healthy rivalry, with good fellowship and harmony that would have done credit to the United Nations. If the flower of our youth can play together in peace and camaraderie, cannot all of us work together in peace and security?

Through the magic of the television screen, people all over the world were able to watch the spectacle. They could catch the thrill of watching the skiers in flight from high jumps. They were able to feel the excitement of the hockey games and the races. They enjoyed the matchless grace of the figure skaters dancing on the ice, and the pageantry of the procession marching in front of the Olympic Torch on the closing day.

The VIII Winter Olympiad was a thing of the past, but for a few days it had held nations together in a common interest completely divorced from thoughts of war and hatred.

And now another influence for peace is almost here--Easter--the golden time of the year. Easter is the symbold of the rebirth of living things--the fulfillment of the promise of Spring. Easter brings the warmth of filtered sunshine pushing back the shadows of chill winter clouds.

Above all, Easter is a time of deep religious significance, offering hope for the continuation of life and renewed faith in the Creator of Mankind.

Seasons greetings to all of you!

Annette Dinsmore

The man himself was still there on the sidelines, refusing to campaign but admittedly available in case of a convention draft. The loyal, devoted, hopeful friends of 1952 and 1956 were still loyal and devoted--but no longer very hopeful. By last month Democratic politicos and amateurs alike were generally writing off Adlai Stevenson as a serious possibility for the 1960 Democratic presidential nomination. The best indication of Stevenson's fadeout came from attorney James Doyle of Madison, Wis., a longtime Stevenson friend and advocate, who sent out word of an important press conference to announce the formation of a national draft-Stevenson movement, with himself as chairman and chief strategist. But by the time of the press conference, Jim Doyle had changed his tune. There would be no draft movement, he said, no Stevenson organization of any kind. His advice to the faithful: "Each Stevenson supporter must decide for himself whether to vote for Humphrey or Kennedy, or simply to refrain from expressing a preference between them." Stevenson partisans, who once dreamed of a Stevenson-Kennedy dream ticket, now realize that Massachusetts' Jack Kennedy is a far more formidable presidential candidate than they had believed possible. And Texas' Lyndon Johnson has corralled upwards of 300 Southern delegates; Johnson's backers vow their votes will never go to Stevenson. Pennsylvania's Governor David Lawrence, one of the last of the Northern Democratic bosses inclined toward Stevenson, flew to Springfield, Mo., to pay public tribute to Missouri's Stuart Symington. Said one former Stevenson follower (now actively campaigning for Kennedy): "There's no draft without an organization. No campaign, no candidate."

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The 400-year-old "Table of Kindred and Affinity" in the Anglican Book of Common Prayer is still the basic framework of Britain's complex marriage and divorce laws. Adapted from John Calvin's zealous compilation of Mosaic laws and medieval mores, it stipulates who may not marry whom. One category in it that particularly

rankles Britain's Tory Lord Mancroft is the prohibition of marriage to a brother-in-law or sister-in-law. Not until 1907 did Parliament pass a law permitting a man to marry his deceased wife's sister;not until 1921 could a woman marry her deceased husband's brother. Lord Mancroft has been trying since 1949--against the Established Church--to go even farther. He wanted to make marriage to a brother-in-law or a sister-in-law legal even while the first spouse, though divorced,is still alive. Last month he tried again. Urging that his bill would eliminate the "great hardships" of perhaps 1,000 Britons presently living in "irregular unions" with in-laws, his lordship argued that "if a man cannot be forced to marry his sister-in-law, it may even encourage him to commit adultery with her." "I regard the whole idea as revolting," the Bishop of Lichfield told the House of Lords. The Archbishop of Canterbury argued that "if it is possible to look forward from the fulfillment of a still hesitant desire to an actual remarriage to a sister-in-law, that desire is more likely to grow unchecked, and even to be subconsciously encouraged." Disregarding the churchmen, the Lords overwhelmingly voted approval of Lord Mancroft's bill.

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The scholarly-looking man was a frequent visitor to Gottingen University library. About 50 years old, timid, and self-effacing, he was taken for an out-of-town professor until a student noticed him stuffing rare manuscripts into his pocket. Arrested, the "scholar" gave his name as Joachim Krueger. He was held as one of the biggest book thieves in history. Herr Krueger was well known in Germany as a connoisseur of rare books. He specialized in musical manuscripts, and librarians all over the country would lend him their choicest documents--for an expert opinion. Krueger's technique, said Hannover police, was to thank them for their help, then skip town with the manuscripts. Since the war his thefts may have totaled $5 million. Krueger's biggest haul, according to the police, came from the treasure-laden old Prussian State Library in East Berlin. After posing as a qualified musicologist, he was appointed to manage the music division. On

May Day , 1951, he backed a truck up to the library, loaded it, and drove into West Germany. With these, and other items, Krueger set up a music lover's bookshop (the Bayreuth Musik Antiquariat) in West Berlin. He issued catalogues and established a worldwide business. In good faith, music-lover Rudolf Kallir, executive vice president of the American Mannex Corp., a New York steel concern, bought from Krueger the original manuscript of Mozart's Piano Sonata in A Minor. The Library of Congress also bought a packet of letters written by Franz Joseph Haydn.

In Jail, Krueger has proved so shy and evasive that police are not even sure that his name is really Krueger. But in a formal statement they claimed to have solid evidence of his guilt: A collection of tools and other expert devices for removing library stamps and marks of origin found in his home.

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BEVAN LEAVES HOSPITAL, proclaimed a cheerful headline. It was the Daily Mail's way of reporting that the fiery deputy leader of Britain's Labor Party slowly is recovering from his near-fatal abdominal operation. His recovery could not come a moment too soon for his divided party. For Nye Bevan's absence had caused disagreements between his leader, Hugh Gaitskell, and the left-wing radicals, led by demagogue Michael Foot, to grow to such a yawning gulf that it threatened to split the Labor Party in two. The trouble started when Gaitskell--supported by Bevan--decided that Labor's defeat in last year's British election was largely a result of the British public's disenchantment with "nationalization," Labor's battle cry ever since the party was formed in 1900. A realist, Gaitskell said flatly that Labor must change its slogan--and modernize its philosophy--or give up all hope of winning office in a prosperous nation. To Foot, the waspish editor of the extreme left-wing weekly Tribune, this was defeatism. A vitriolic advocate of state control of all industries, Foot told a British television audience: "Mr. Gaitskell will have to go." Rushing home from a vacation in sunny Trinidad, Gaitskell found that Foot's left-wingers were winning converts among the leaders of the Trades Union Congress. For the time being, Gaitskell is still on top. He postponed a crucial debate of the nationalization issue and let

it be known that when the fight comes he will stake his leadership on its outcome. But the key man in the struggle will be Nye Bevan. By common consent, only he can unite the left (which once he led) and the moderates (whose allegiance he won as Labor's "shadow" Foreign Secretary). And if Bevan doesn't fully recover or is ordered by his doctors to retire from party politics? Nothing, say veteran observers, can save the Labor Party from breaking in two.

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Ever since 1958, U.S. Thor (intermediate range) missiles have been on launching pads in Great Britain, ready to be fired by British crews, Before a single Thor could be launched, however, two keys would have to be turned in an ordinary looking lock in each missile-control center. A British officer holds one key; the other is on a chain around the neck of a U.S. officer, and it would not be used until he received a coded order originating in the White House. Why does the U.S. put such restrictions on its stanchest ally? Under the Atomic Energy Act the U.S. cannot allow its allies "custody" or control of American atomic weapons.

Last month, President Eisenhower suddenly opened the door to a major reversal of U.S. atomic policy. "I have always been of the belief that we should not deny to our allies what the ... potential enemy already has," he said. "So I would think it would be better for the interests of the United States to make our law more liberal ..." At first it appeared that Mr. Eisenhower was moving toward a head-on collision with Congress, which has long been opposed to having atomic weapons pass out of U.S. hands--mostly for fear that they might be handed to Russia. Now there is also concern that the more nations with atomic weapons, the greater the risk of war. Was Mr. Eisenhower about to propose change in the Atomic Energy Act? Not at all. The Administration was exploring the question, as it had been for some time. To emphasize the point, two days later the White House issued a formal statement, written by Secretary of State Christian A. Herter and the President himself, making it clear that no amendments to the Atomic Energy Act are before Congress and none is being prepared.

It began in Greensboro, N.C., when a group of Negro college students walked into a dime store and quietly took seats at the lunch counter. The Negroes did nothing, said nothing. They just sat. And when the store hastily moved to close its doors, they left. That was what some Negroes were calling the "sit-down," and some the "sit-in." But whatever its name, it was spreading like wildfire throughout the South last month--from North Carolina to South Carolina, to Virginia, to Florida, to Tennessee. Negro pickets even appeared outside two dime stores in New York City's Harlem (though they did not try to enter). For the most part, there was no violence. Simply by sitting, the Negroes were protesting the established Southern custom which permits them to be served at stand-up or take-out counters, but not on seats. Simply by closing their counters or their stores, proprietors were able to shut off the protests. But at Raleigh, N.C., 43 Negroes were arrested on charges of trespassing on a privately owned sidewalk. In Charlotte, N.C., one Negro demonstrator, Joseph Charles Jones, said: "I have no malice, no hatred. All I want is to come in and place my order and be served and leave a tip if I feel like it."

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A Soviet scientist has turned the Bible story of Sodom and Gomorrah into a science thriller by suggesting the two wicked cities were blown to bits by a nuclear blast set off by invaders from outer space. Possibly, suggested physico-mathematician M. Agrest, Lot's wife was petrified--the Bible says turned into a pillar of salt--when she disobeyed a warning not to linger in the area or look back. Those who looked at the fire and brimstone lost their eyesight and perished, he added. Agrest's theory, presented in a Literary Gazette article, goes like this: Before the dawn of history, the earth may have been visited by space travelers from other planets. The landing may have been in the area of the Baalbek Terrace, a platform of huge stone slabs in the Anti-Lebanon Mountains of Syria, or the slabs may have been constructed as a launching platform by the space invaders. Nobody, said the author, has satisfactorily explained the existence of

the Baalbek Terrace. This area is not far from the Libyan Desert, where glassy bodies called Tektites, containing radioactive isotopes of aluminum and beryllium, have been found. The scientist said these particles are at least a million years old and products of extremely high temperatures, and may be the tracks of the spacemen's atomic missiles. Agrest believes that the space travelers could have exploded, before leaving the earth, their excess stock of nuclear fuel, after having warned the local population in advance, so that they would not perish from the atomic blast.

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If ghosts, ghouls, and werewolves have a spiritual home, it is most likely to be among the gorse and sedgemarsh of gloomy Luneburg Heath, in rain-soaked North Germany. Here, since the Dark Ages, quaking peasants have been terrorized by every aberration in demonology; there, too, the Nazis established the Belsen concentration camp, where 70,000 persons were foully done to death. Last month, the townsfolk of Luneburg, a trading center on the heath since it was founded 956, were convinced that one of their ghosts had returned to disturb their peace. Night after night, they were kept awake by fear of a Feuerteufel (fire devil). Eleven times since last October, incendiary fires in Luneburg's Gothic, Renaissance, and baroque buildings had caused nearly $1 million worth of damage. "If another fire breaks out," one of the officers said, "we'll have to go back to chasing ghosts." Peering out of their windows across the hagridden heath, Luneburg's residents shivered--and waited.

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Addressing a church club audience in home-town Independence, Mo., Harry S. Truman explained why most U.S. Senators are cool to the recurrent idea of having ex-Presidents join their ranks. Snorted Mr. Truman: "The U.S. Senators are all prima donnas. I was one of them, and I know what it meant. Every one of the Senators is a topnotch man in his own state and is used to the limelight there. He would like to have the same consideration in the Senate. They don't seem to want one of (Presidential) stature in the Senate with them."

SPORTS SHOTS

Dodger pitcher Larry Sherry is to receive the Babe Ruth Award, symbolic of the World Series stardom. The presentation will be made in pre-game ceremonies June 27, when the Dodgers come to the Stadium to play the Yankees a return engagement to the Roy Campanella game. ... Insiders insist that millionaire Tom Yawkey still may sell the Boston Red Sox. "If the club doesn't pick up this year," one source reports, "Tom will give up and put the whole thing on the market." ... With a full roster of cities--Atlanta, Buffalo, Dallas-Fort Worth, Denver, Houston, Minneapolis-St. Paul, New York, Toronto--the Continental League is scheduled to begin playing major-league ball in the 1961 season. ... Red Schoendienst, who underwent major lung surgery after the 1958 World Series, sent the following to Chuck Dressen, the Braves' new manager: "Stop looking around for a second baseman. You got one. Me"--and received a $30,000 contract. ... Bob Shawkey, the man who pitched the first baseball game in Yankee Stadium and who assumed the managerial duties of the Yankees at the death of Miller Huggins in 1927, returned to the Bombers as a scout. ... John Phelan (Stuffy) McInnis, first baseman on the Athletics' famed $100,000 infield in the early 1900's, who hit over .300 for 12 of his 18 seasons, died at 69. ... Carol Heiss, 20, America's beautiful blonde queen of the ice, decisively won the women's figure skating championship and gave the U.S. its first gold medal of the eighth Winter Olympic Games, at Squaw Valley, Calif. ... At the 71st Boston AA Games, Boston University's John Thomas, 18, matched his own world record by clearing 7ft. 2 in. in the high jump. ... Army Lieut. Irvin Robertson, 24, jumped 25 ft. 9½ in. to break Jesse Owens' 25-year-old indoor broad-jump record by half an inch. ... Matched against 2,546 dogs at New York's Madison Square Garden, Gossy--the greatest show dog in history--an $8,500 bright red mop of hair owned by Charles Venable of Atlanta, became the first Pekingese ever to be voted best-in-show at the top-drawer Westminster Kennel Club competition.

JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! It's me again.

Buddy is a little dog. He lives under us. He has a little yard down under our steps. I can look at him from the steps.

My yard is big. I can run around it. When I run, Buddy barks and cries. He tries to jump up to my big yard. But there is a fence and it is too high.

I go to the fence and talk to Buddy. He wiggles because he likes me. I made a hole in the fence but Buddy can't reach it. He's too little. I would like to play with him.

One day Buddy was sick and didn't bark at me. When I went to the fence, he jumped up and barked a little. His Boss said I was good for Buddy.

Then the Boss and I went away. We came back and Buddy was not in the little yard. I looked for him every day. The Boss looked for him, too. He didn't come out at all.

I was very unhappy. The Boss was unhappy, too. She said he might be dead. I don't know what dead means, but it made me feel bad.

Last night I went down to the yard and I heard barks. It was a mistake. Buddy was there and he jumped, too. I ran to the fence and he barked some more. His Boss said he had been in the hospital. But he is fine now. I am very happy. He is not dead.

What is the hospital?

Goodbye!

Jannie Dinsmore

MARGINALIA

Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell said that Vice President Nixon has strong support from rank-and-file union members despite personal opposition of labor leaders. Mitchell, a Catholic, who has been mentioned frequently for Nixon's running mate, also declared he is not a candidate for the No. 2 spot on the Republican ticket. ... Former President Truman urged that state preferential primaries as vehicles for Presidential hopefuls be replaced by a national primary day financed by the federal government. "I don't think there's any man in the United States rich enough to go into the primaries in all 50 states and then run a campaign for election," Mr. Truman said. ... After time bombs exploded in Madrid's city hall and at a building of the pro-government Falangist Party, Spanish police arrested 140 alleged Communist terrorists. Police reported a possible link between the bombings and Spanish exiles based in Cuba. ... Britain may collaborate with either the U.S. or France to build the world's first supersonic airliner, the Times of London reported. The proposed airliner would travel 2,000 m.p.h. and cost $280 million. ... A three-member skin diving expedition left New York for the Dead Sea where it hopes to find the five lost cities mentioned in the Bible--Sodom, Gomorrah, Adman, Seboiin and Zoar. The group includes the Rev. Ralph E. Baney, a Baptist minister, of Kansas City, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Rypher, of Kansas City, Kan. ... Dr. Jerome H. Sacks, of the Medical College of Virginia, said he had successfully made laboratory rats immune to certain forms of transplanted cancer with a blood substance so small it cannot be seen under microscope. ... Sen. Wayne Morse will enter the Maryland Presidential primary election May 17 against Sen. John F. Kennedy, the Oregon Democrat announced. ... Queen Elizabeth II announced that her descendants, apart from princes and princesses of the royal family, are to bear the surname of Mountbatton-Windsor. These descendants, who are not expected to be born for 42 years at least, will not be royal princes or princesses. ... Gen.

Oskar von Hindenburg, 77, only son of Field Marshal and former German President Paul von Hindenburg, died. ... Judge Joseph Meszar, of the Lake County Juvenile Court, Indianapolis, Indiana, ruled that a 12-year-old contribute from his pay as a shoeshine boy to the support of his illegitimate baby. The judge also reported that three 11-year-old unmarried mothers and one 12-year-old mother were brought before his court. ... Richard A. Mack, 50, former Federal Communications Commissioner who resigend in a TV channel-fixing scandal, committed himself to a mental institution in Miami, Fla., after his wife sued him for divorce, charging desertion and drunkenness. ... Glamis Castle, one of Britain's greatest stately homes and the oldest inhabited house in Scotland, where Queen Mother Elizabeth and Princess Margaret were born and where Shakespeare set "Macbeth," was badly damaged by fire. ... Actress Diana Barrymore, 38, who died on January 25, left $10,000 "to my friend" Emil Sorrento, of New York, a blind man who befriended Miss Barrymore when she was down and out. ... Austrian police announced that a secret Nazi underground group recently uncovered in Vienna had close links with the Ku Klux Klan of the U.S. and an international fascist movement with headquarters in Sweden. Police seized large quantities of propaganda material and arrested three leaders of the group on charges of neo-Nazi activities. ... Evangelist Sweet Daddy Grace died at the age of 78, leaving the bulk of a $25-million estate to his church, the House of Prayer for All People. The Negro preacher founded his church at Charlotte, N.C., in 1926, where he baptized the first of his 3,000,000 followers in a mudhole. ... On January 15 the population of the Soviet Union stood at 208,826,650 --94,050,303 men, 114,776,347 women. The population of the U.S. on Dec. 31, the Census Bureau estimate, was 179,300,000--87,651,000 men, 91,649,000 women. ... Wm. C. Johnson, 33, a Baptist deacon of Atlanta, Ga., was indicted for attempting to murder, by bombing, the Rev. J.T. Robinson, 36, whose wife Deacon Johnson coveted. ... Lindsay Crosby, 22, youngest of Bing's four boys, married Barbara Frederckson, 22, Las Vegas show girl. ...A tornado whipped through Lillington, N.C., picked up

the house occupied by Thomas McCormack, his brother and wife and set it down about 30 feet away without injuring them. ... Princess Michiko, 25, who married Crown Prince Akihito, 26, last April, gave birth to a 5-pound, 9-ounce boy, Emperor Hirohito's first titled grandchild--even nature got into the welcoming act; two hours after the birth, a sharp earthquake shook Tokyo. ... The Commerce Department disclosed it has approved the sale of a $17 million textile mill to Russia--the biggest single U.S. shipment to that country in at least 10 years. Secretary of Commerce Mueller said U.S. industry soon may be exporting millions of dollars' worth of "know-how" to Communist countries. ... The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Negro champion of a Southwide campaign of passive resistance against segregation, was arrested in Georgia on an Alabama perjury warrant. Calling the arrest "harrassment," King said he did not know what it was all about. ... The bodies of five of the nine crewmen aboard the fabled World War II bomber Lady Be Good have been found on the Libyan desert. The bomber, which vanished April 4, 1943, while returning from a bombing mission, was discovered by members of an oil company exploration team. ... A military tribunal sentenced photographer Sergio Leaf Gamboa to a year in prison for trying to photograph a group of Fidel Castro supporters giving the Communist salute. The Cuban tribunal found Gamboa guilty of charges that he took the photographs for "counterrevolutionary" purposes and sold them abroad to "the detriment" of Cuba.... Andrew Ilyinsky, a New York customs officer, told the House Un-American Activities Committee that Communists are flooding U.S. colleges with mail trying to become pen pals with students. ... Helen Horvath in her 70's and Margaret in her 60's, spinster sisters of New York City, dressed in the fashions of the early 1900's--long voluminous black dresses, high-button shoes and Gibson-girl pompadours--hanged themselves because they faced eviction from their home of 25 years. The building is to be replaced with a modern apartment house. ... Princess Suga, 21, youngest of the six children of Japanese Emperor Hirohito, was married to Hisanaha Shimazu, 26, a bank clerk and descendant of a feudal lord.

TRIVIA

BIRDIE - Danny Alupo of Wanamassa, N.J., complained that thousands of sea gulls swooped down on his golf driving range, made off with 450 golf balls they apparently took to be eggs, later buried them.

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TAKING THE FIFTH - Ernest Corey of Vancouver, B.C., was fined $125 for driving "while impaired by liquor" after he told the police court: "I always drink when I drive in Vancouver, because the traffic scares me."

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LINE IS BUSY - The Pacific Telephone Co. of Fresno, Calif., filed suit to collect $1,642.73 from the mother of twelve-year-old Helen Jackson, who made 462 calls to her boy friend in less than two months.

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COMPLETE COVERAGE - Robert Follis of Everett, Wash., sued his insurance company for the loss in value of his car after someone put an indgnant skunk in the back seat and rolled up the windows.

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HOUNDED - Mrs. Nellie Smith of Knoxville, Tenn., suing for divorce, charged that her husband took his dog to bed with him, ordered her to sleep in another room because she was bothering the dog.

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RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT - In Sioux Falls, S. Dak., the post office received a letter addressed "To a Nice Boy," with the message: "Dear Boy: I will correspond with you. I am a girl. I am 14 years. I live in Holland on an island in the North Sea. I hope you are a boy."

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SCENT OF FREEDOM - St. Petersburg, Fla., police finally caught up with escaped

convicts Elmer Duke and Daniel McKenzie, who had taken the prison bloodhound with them when they fled.

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BACK OF THE GARAGE - In London, Mrs. Chrystel Bennett won a divorce, among her complaints quoted her husband as saying that she ranked fourth in his affections, after 1) his mother; 2) his brother; 3) his automobile.

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EASY ASSENT - When Stanford University officials apologized for an error that assigned him to a women's dormitory, freshman Frank Hamill replied: "I am willing to live wherever the university wishes me to."

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OPEN-AND-SHUT CASE - In Munich, West Germany, just before he was arrested, Franz Osterholzer, boss of a gang of car thieves that stole $190,000 worth of vehicles in the last four years, filed application for a patent for a "100% safe" device for preventing cars from being stolen.

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GOOD TURN - After losing the city key to be presented to visiting Veterans Administration dignitary Bradford Morse, VA officials of Salt Lake City borrowed the key from the jail had to replace it when Morse went proudly off with it.

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STEAM TABLE - James Van Boxtel of Appleton, Wis., was fined $15 for speeding, even though he explained that he had just bought two hot pizza pies and was hurrying to get them home before they cooled.

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BREAKING THE LEASH - In Denver, after several people complained that a city firm answered every telephone complaint with "Mr. Chiwawa, our complaint manager, is tied up in back right now and cannot come to the phone," the Better Business Bureau investigated, found a Chihuahua pup tied up in the firm's back room.

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

"From the murmur and subtlety of suspicion with
Which we vex one another,
Give us rest.
Make a new beginning
And mingle again the kindred of the nations in
The alchemy of love,
And with some finer essence of forbearance
Temper our minds."

These words were written nearly four hundred years before the birth of Christ by a Greek dramatist named Aristophanes. He wrote them during the Peloponnesian War, but he might well have written them yesterday.

We, today, need rest from the murmur of suspicion between each other and between the nations of the world. In all these centuries, in spite of scientific advances, man himself has changed very little, if at all. Selfishness, intolerance, and hatred, have constantly been breeding crime and war, both hot and cold. We have a desperate need today for the tempering influence of love and kindness; and we, too, need to make the new beginning Aristophanes asked for so many years ago.

Last month Jannie and I made a quick trip to Lansing, Michigan, to attend a conference. Enroute we made a brief stopover in Detroit. There was not much time, but we did have a chance to see Willie and Lucille Stark and we caught up on some of the news about deaf-blind members of his club group. Transportation, as usual, is one of their difficulties in holding regular meetings. We hope they will have some help with this problem soon.

In Lansing, we also visited classes in the Deaf-Blind Department of the School for the Blind. We enjoyed watching the little children who were new to us, as well as the older ones, who are making good progress.

It was cold and snowy out there, but Jannie loved it and had several good runs around the campus.

When I got off the plane in New York, wearing high boots, a woolen scarf over my head, and wool-lined gloves, I looked as if I had just returned from our forty-ninth state.

We shall be in and out of New York all during February, but hope to stay put for a change during March.

Annette Dinsmore

When the band had finished and the speeches were over, square-jawed Commander James Osborn, 41, stepped forward on the deck, read the commissioning orders and said: "I am ready to hoist the colors." Up went the Stars and Stripes and the commissioning pennant on the first U.S. submarine of a new class to join the fleet--the history-making Polaris sub George Washington. Skipper Osborn next turned smartly to his executive officer, snapped a gloved salute. "Mr. Hannifin," he ordered, "set the watch." With this brief ceremony at Electric Boat's West Dock D in Groton, Conn., the U.S. last month took a giant step toward a new era of warfare and a revolutionary concept in the Navy's defense role. Hopefully by year's end, George Washington will be armed with 16 nuclear-tipped, 1,200-mile-range Polaris missiles, ready to prowl the globe as an undersea missile-launching platform. She is the first of a projected nine Polaris subs that will give the U.S. a new order of strategic capability against the Soviet Union. "Under this stout hull," Said Dr. George Kistiakowsky, President Eisenhower's chief scientific adviser, "there are now hidden--or will soon be--the most advanced and diverse products of our technology; turbine and rocket propulsion, nuclear power and nuclear weapons, electronics ... It is a breathtaking microcosm of American technology." The 5,400-ton George Washington and her sister subs can roam the seas of the earth at speeds and depths far beyond enemy search capabilities. Even while submerged, George Washington can receive messages, and if war should come, she would be able to fire her 16 Polaris missiles at 16 separate targets from below the surface depths within a few minutes. "After that," says Skipper Osborn, "our war is over, and we go home."

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Robert Tomarchin, tall, slender, and 27, grew up in a Philadelphia orphanage. Mr. Moke, short, squat, and about four years old, was torn from his chimpanzee family in the Belgian Congo. When they met two years ago at an animal farm

in Miami, they became fast friends. Tomarchin taught Mr. Moke to play baseball, ride a bicycle, dance, and chalk the letters "MO," as in Moke, on a blackboard. He coached him to make chimpanzee-like sounds on command and then held his lips in position to form English words. Mr. Moke, after much coaxing, eventually learned to say two words, "no" and "mama"--in husky but distinct tones. The two became stars of a children's television show in Miami, once appeared on the Ed Sullivan network show. Last October, because he planned an animal-collection trip to the South Pacific, Tomarchin sold Mr. Moke to the St. Louis zoo as a prospective star of its famous chimpanzee show. The $1,500 price was the highest zoo director George P. Vierheller had ever paid. Four days before Christmas, Tomarchin went to St. Louis to visit Mr. Moke in his cage at the zoo in Forest Park. That night Tomarchin entered the ape house, left a cashier's check for $1,000 and a promisory note for $2,000 on the floor of the cage, and spirited his old pal Mr. Moke away. They hitchhiked out of the city and then boarded a bus to Miami. There last month, Tomarchin surrendered himself and, after a short delay, Mr. Moke. "I couldn't stand to be away from Mr. Moke." Tomarchin explained. While outraged St. Louis officials were seeking Tomarchin's extradition on burglary charges, Miami Justice of the Peace Francis P. Christie gave Tomarchin temporary custory of Mr. Moke, with this ruling: "The interests of justice and humanity would best be served by allowing these two people--or these two animals--to be reunited."

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Out of the balmy Los Angeles night into the offices of the Times (cir.496,-337) stepped a mysterious visitor. To the man behind the desk he exhibited the engraving of a full-page ad: Would the paper run it in its Christmas issue next day? The visitor produced $2,500 in cash, and the Times took the money and the ad. Soon the visitor's full-page message was rolling by the thousands off the Times's presses. In due course a composing-room hand, routinely checking all ads for typographical errors, came to this one. His eyes widened in disbelief. Not

until then did anyone at the Times know what it was printing. JESUS CHRIST, II APPEARING, heralded the ad in letters two inches high. It went on to explain in the small print that the coming would occur on three successive January days, at three Hollywood churches. The message was signed in a clear, bold hand: Jesus Christ, II. A frantic order was issued, and the presses were stopped. The ad was yanked and replaced by one from the Barker Bros. furniture store. Timesmen dashed into the night in a desparate and only partly successful effort to retrieve 35,000 copies already distributed. Someone called the churches: they did not know Jesus Christ, II. Last month the red-faced Times said that its Christmas Eve visitor--who proved to be Thomas Lockyer Graeff, a 30-year-old Angeleno who is petitioning to get his name legally changed to Jesus Christ II--had not come back to reclaim his $2,500. The competing Los Angeles Examiner (cir. 369,537) said somewhat smugly that the same ad had been brought to its office at about the same time, but someone read it and turned it down.

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In the Victorian Gothic corridors of London's Royal Courts of Justice, the well-dressed crowd pushed, shoved, and asked attendants: "Which way to the duchess? Which way to the countess?" Of two aristocratic divorce cases being heard at the same time, many of the crowd were most interested in the 46-year-old Countess of Shrewsbury, whose husband the earl had sued her--and who in turn had sued her husband--for divorce on grounds of adultery. The scandal had fed the tabloids for weeks, but the real jolt in the case turned out to be the decision.

John George Charles Henry Alton Alexander Chetwynd Chetwynd-Talbot, 45, Premier Earl of England and Bearer of the White Wand at the coronation of George VI and Elizabeth II, charged that in 1955, while he was recovering in an iron lung from an attack of polio, his dark-haired wife had had an affair with their children's tutor. Last month, after one of the most costly ($56,000) divorce cases in British history, Justice Sir Charles Collingwood ruled that the countess had indeed been unfaithful--but that she and the earl would have to remain man

and wife, though their courtroom behavior exhibited a deep-seated dislike of each other. The reason was that the earl himself had admitted in court to having kept a mistress, whom he wanted to marry after his divorce. British law stipulates that a marriage may be dissolved only when one party is egregiously at fault. "If ever the inadequacy, feebleness and immorality of our present laws on marriage and divorce have been exposed," said the Yorkshire Post, "it has been in this pitiful and protracted case." Added the Evening Standard: "In legal mathematics two minuses add up to a plus, and double adultery can come to mean preservation of a marriage which has become meaningless."

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Lonesome and stark, like a detail out of a Grant Wood painting, the two-story, six-room frame house stands between two great rock formations on a hard-scrabble 68-acre farm in northeast Iowa, 7 miles east of tiny (population: 326) Colesburg and 30 miles west of Dubuque. White-mustached William Meyer helped his late father build it when a mere boy, brought his bride Annie there, heard it echo to childish din, and there last year celebrated his 82nd birthday. But last month the house stood more lonely than ever, empty of all but a skinny gray kitten and occasional curiosity seekers. William's son Elmer stops by once a day from his home a quarter of a mile down Skip Level Road to do the chores. William and Annie moved out Dec. 14 and are living with a sister-in-law in nearby Guttenberg. What's more, William Meyer is determined not to return. "Too many goings-on have happened in the house," he said. The goings-on, say the Meyers, started about the first of December. A refrigerator mysteriously tipped over one day. Another day, an egg flew against a door. A flowerpot pedestal leaped across the room and struck the stove. A window shattered and glass fell on both sides of the sill. The cellar door collapsed. A rocking chair gently rocked of its own volition one evening. A tumbler jumped off a shelf and struck Annie on the head. Clayton County Sheriff Forrest Fischer, an avowed skeptic, came to investigate and reported that a bottle hopped out of a case and thudded on the floor. "I've never seen

anything like this," he said. A photographer from The Dubuque Telegraph-Herald said that he saw a stone suddenly fall out of the basement wall and break a crock. Many neighbors, inclined to seek some occult explanation, whispered that a poltergeist (Literally, in German, a noisy ghost) was behind the happenings on the William Meyer farm. Elmer Meyer, who saw a heavy box of nails tumble off a staircase ledge, dowsed the area with a forked cedar branch and advanced the theory that underground water caused the weird events. "There's a spring on one side of the house and a creek runs by the other." he explained. Spook or spring water, old William Meyer wants no part of it. "I was born and raised on that farm," he said, "but I won't die there."

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A command message from Moscow gave the countdown: "Piat ... cheteerye ... tree ... dva ... odine!" From a rocket range station orbiting in weightless, airless space 10,000 miles above earth, the first Russian spaceship whooshed off on the first manned flight to the moon. Power was supplied by nitric-acid propellant (estimated cost: $300 million) and solar energy. Soon, against the blue vapors of the earth's atmosphere, the space station, reflecting the rays of the sun, grew smaller astern. As the ship hurtled on for more than four days and nights, the moon came into sharp focus. "There it is, comrades," said the navigator, indicating a preselected landing site, 650 miles from the lunar north pole. Deceleration procedure began. A shock-absorbing landing leg was put down. Safety belts were fastened. Then everybody goofed. Such is the story of a new novel, "Last Stop," by V. Nemtsov, one of Russia's many highly paid, widely read "fantastaki" (science-fiction writers). What is unusual about it is that the Soviet outer-space crew didn't reach its objective . They didn't because author Nemtsov, who had lived with his fictional characters for months, decided that they would become bored with the sameness of space. They start longing for the sights of earth--city skylines at sunset, meandering rivers, the patchwork pattern of cultivated fields. And, after seeing at close range the bleak, pockmarked surface

of the moon, he has them say "to hell with it," turn around, and fly home. "Incredible," snorted Literaturnaya Gazeta, official organ of the Union of Soviet Writers. In the light of Russia's recent achievements in space exploration, Nemtsov was found guilty of "defeatism" and a victim of "old, mistaken concepts." For Nemtsov: The countdown?

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One wintry day 50 years ago last month, tenor Enrico Caruso stood on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House and opened up with an aria from "Pagliacci." Sixty-four miles away in Bridgeport, Conn., a pioneer radio ham pressed the earphone of his primitive radio set tightly to his head and with great difficulty made out the opening bars of "Vesti la giubba." This was the first opera broadcast in history. In the half-century since, the Met's radio audience has grown from a handful of wireless owners to a loyal band of more than 12 million. While other more popular shows have long since disappeared from the air waves, the opera, which became a permanent fixture in 1931, retains its faithful following. In New York last month, commentator Milton Cross, whose round and resonant "Good afternoon, opera lovers across the nation" has introduced 564 opera programs, reminisced about some of the more curious devotees of the Saturday afternoon broadcasts. "For instance, the gentleman in Lubbock, Texas, who after hearing that the Met was installing new seats had one of the old ones shipped to his house. And then there was that little old lady in the Middle West who had a special black velvet dress which she put on every Saturday. It made her feel as if she were sitting right there in the Diamond Horseshoe. Even though the people out there can't see what's going on, I'm sure that the power of the music enables them to feel the same things that I do sitting there in my little booth on the Grand Tier. I should be tired by now, but opera still affects me emotionally. For example, when I heard Birgit Nilsson in a "Tristan' rehearsal, she was so magnificent that I broke down and wept. Opera has always affected me this way and I'm sure it always will."

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TRIVIA

SOCIAL CLIMBER - In Sequoia National Park, Calif., a big black bear was taken for a long ride into the woods by rangers after he broke into two convertibles and took off food, released the brake of a third car and drove it into a ditch, climbed onto the roof of a lodge and fell through the skylight.

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MEMBERS OF THE WEDDING - Newly wed Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Cook of London sued a travel agent for $1,120, charged that he booked them into an exclusive honeymoon hotel room with no bed and hundreds of beetles.

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LOCO MOTIVE - Joseph Matthews, 43, of Newark, lay down on a railroad track between the rails, slept soundly while an engine roared over him, was awakened and arrested for trespassing.

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BRISTLING - Brush salesman Stanley Brown of Memphis was fined $153 for trying to force a housewife into her bathtub so that he could demonstrate a back scrubbing brush

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FITNESS REPORT - In London, the Times ran a classified ad: "Tired, bored, lazy army officer resigning from infantry regiment. Incompetent, drinks too much. Seeks employment, not too much work, London area. Age 28, looks 40."

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SPLIT POT - A Detroit vice squad broke up a dice game, smashed dice table and chairs, carted the players off to jail, returned later to find that the released players had pieced table and chairs together and renewed the game.

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WITHOUT A TRACE - In Dallas, a burglar robbed a tavern, made off with 252 cans of beer and 174 breath-cleansing chlorophyll tablets.

KEYED UP - Learning that a church was to be built near her mink farm, Mrs. Anna Sierpina of Richmond, B.C., hotly objected on the grounds that "unfamiliar noises" like hymn singing might cause her mink to devour their young.

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MAYDAY - In Lausanne, Switzerland, alarmed by the number of attacks on taxi drivers, police considered a special pedal for cabs that, when pressed, locks all the doors except the driver's, stops the motor, releases a capsule of suffocating gas, blows the horn, starts a flashing light on top of the cab.

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SILVER LINING - After removing 39 teaspoons and two lead pencils from a patient's stomach, Dr. Arne Bergkvist of Stockholm learned that the patient planned to set a record of 50 stomach operations, had already undergone 32.

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THE MERRY MEN - In London, TV star Alan Wheatley, who plays the villainous sheriff of Nottingham on the Robin Hood show, complained: "Children climb trees around my house and fire arrows at me as I walk in the garden."

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HOLY SMOKES - After being questioned intensively about dealing in opium, Hadi Hashimi of Teheran allowed the narcotics squad investigators to kiss his Koran as an apology for bothering him, was hauled off to jail when 375 grams of opium were discovered in a hole in the book's pages.

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NEGATIVE REPORT - A burglar broke into the Mahon Motors Inc. of St. Louis for the sixth time, carted off the automatic camera police had installed to trap him.

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CODE - In Kaingaroa, New Zealand, the Kaingaroa Forest News concludes each issue: "Opinions expressed in this periodical are not necessarily condoned or even understood by the editorial staff."

JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! It's me again.

I am going to tell you about some things that puzzle me--snow, and squirrels, and puppies.

Snow is pretty and white and soft. I like to roll in it, and put my nose down into it. But why is snow so cold and wet? And why does it go away when you try to catch it in your mouth? All I get in my mouth is water--and it tastes funny.

When I roll in snow, do I look pretty and white too?

Squirrels are little and they have big tails. They run fast and I try to catch them. I can run very fast too. But just when I think I can catch a squirrel, it runs up a tree. I try to run up the tree, but I can't. Why?

A squirrel has four feet and I have four feet. Why can't I run up a tree? A squirrel has a big tail and I have a big tail. Why can't I run up a tree? I try and try--but I can't do it.

I play with a puppy at the Boss's sister's house. That is fun! The puppy can't climb a tree either. He runs under me and I let him take a ball from my mouth. We play with a rubber mouse too--and it squeaks sometimes. When I lie down, he lies down a little while. When I bounce the ball, he tries to get it. He can't bounce the ball because he's just a puppy.

I think a puppy is more fun than a squirrel. Don't you?

Goodbye!

Jannie Dinsmore

SPORTS SHOTS

The Associated Press voted heavyweight champ Ingemar Johansson, 27, of Sweden, "Athlete of the Year" in its annual poll. The only previous boxer to win the award, initiated in 1931, was another heavyweight, Joe Louis, in 1935 ... Paul Pender, 29, of Brookline, lifted the N.Y.-Mass. version of the middleweight title from Sugar Ray Robinson, 39, via a split decision at Boston Garden ... Al Lopez, who led the White Sox to their first pennant in 40 years, was awarded the Will Harridge Trophy for 1959 baseball achievement... Gil Hodges, 35, Dodgers' first baseman, received the Lou Gehrig Memorial Award, for "best typifying the spirit of the New York Yankee Hall of Fame." ... Syracuse received the sixth annual Grantland Rice Award--emblematic as the nation's No. 1 college grid champion ... Johnny Unitas, the quarterback who led the Baltimore Colts to the championship of the NFL the last two years, was named professional football's athlete of the year ... Vince Lombardi, who guided the Packers to a 7-5 record in his first year as head coach, was named NFL "Coach of the Year" for 1959 ... There were 29 football deaths last season, the highest since 1947's total of 30, according to an annual survey ... Brooklyn's Bobby Fischer, 16, boy wonder of world chess, won the U.S. chess championship by defeating Grand Master Samuel Reshevsky--his third successive title ... Dick Weber of St. Louis was named "Bowler of the Year" and received the first George Young Memorial Trophy, named after the Detroit bowling star who died several months ago ... Australia's prodigy Ilsa Konrads, 15, clipped 3.2 sec. off the world's record to win the 440-yd. freestyle event in 4:45.4 at the New South Wales swimming championships--her sixth world record ... Willie Shoemaker, 28, booted home four winners at Santa Anita on the last day of 1959 to bring his total victories to 347, topping the nation's jockeys for an unprecedented fifth year ... Sixten Jerberg, Sweden's ski king, won the annual Monolit race in Oslo in 54:57--one of the fastest times ever clocked for a 15-kilometer (9.3 miles) race.

MARGINALIA

A Capital Airlines Viscount enroute from Chicago to Norfolk crashed in flames near Holdcroft, Va., killing all 48 aboard ... After vast quantities of stolen merchandise were found in the homes of eight policemen, a Chicago grand jury accused at least 14 policemen of turning themselves into a gang of burglars to loot homes and shops of $100,000 worth of property. Angry Mayor Richard J. Daley ordered lie tests for all 199 policemen in the district where the alleged burglar police gang operated ... President Eisenhower will make a 10-day visit to Russia beginning June 10. The visit will come only a few weeks after the East-West summit conference, which opens in Paris May 16 ...Sen. John F. Kennedy, Democratic Presidential aspirant, received the 1960 George Washington Carver Award of the National Achievement Clubs--representing 850,000 Negro women--for his work in sponsoring legislation providing federal scholarships for scientific research ... The Department of Interior has had so many inquiries from people wanting to stake claims on the moon that it has prepared a form letter reply: "It is not now nor has ever been possible for anyone to make an application for, or obtain rights to, land on the moon or planets through the U.S. Government." ... Elizabeth Ickes, 18, daughter of the late Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior under FDR, was married to Djahangir Boushehri, 35, a prominent Iranian Moslem ... Hulan Jack, 52, one of the nation's highest-ranking Negro office-holders--Borough President of Manhattan--suspended himself from his $25,000-a-year job after his indictment for criminal conspiracy to obstruct justice ... Mrs. Ellen Brooker, 40, of London, who said she couldn't stand being kissed by her husband since she was injured in an auto accident three years ago, was awarded $15,645 by Judge Donald Finnemore, a bachelor. Her husband, Stanley, was awarded only $250 for loss of his wife's society ... Robert Rodgers, 13, born without legs, was presented with the St. John Ambulance Life Saving Award in Johannesburg, South Africa, for saving a school

friend from drowning last year ... An investigation by New Haven Police disclosed that 30-odd Yale students were involved in a sex scandal with a 14-year-old high-school girl. Twelve students have quit the University rather than face police action on morals charges ... Actress Diana Barrymore, 38, daughter of the late stage and screen idol John Barrymore, was found dead in her New York apartment ... Frank DeCaire, of Detroit, discovered that his cat's playing with the telephone cost him $107. Abby, the family cat, knocked the receiver off the upstairs phone extension while DeCaire was talking downstairs, keeping the line open for 20 hours as the toll charges mounted ... The Peiping radio said that scientists have successfully crossed a yak and a Holstein bull in Tibet. The report said the hybrid gives eight times as much milk as the yak and can more easily stand the rugged Tibetan climate than can the Holstein ... Dr. George H. Mickey, 49, respected dean of Louisiana State University's graduate school, a scientist of world renown, was arrested and charged with the bludgeon murder of Dr. Margaret McMillan, 38, a biologist ... Butcher Charlie Lee, of Birmingham, England, invested tuppence in a football pool and won a staggering $702,056. His plans: Free Sunday roasts for his 350 "dear old regular customers," a holiday in Paris, but no thought of leaving the butcher shop ... Egypt's President Nasser and Cuban Premier Fidel Castro plan to exchange visits, Cuba's Foreign Minister Raul Roa reported ... Antenor Patino, 65, Bolivian tin tycoon, one of the world's richest men, was married to Italian Countess Beatriz di Rovasenda, 47 ... Blind singer Al Hibbler, 45 (formerly with Duke Ellington's band), was arrested by Ridgefield Park, N.J., police as a material witness, after accepting a ride home from a stranger who broke into three gas stations en route and left Al behind to face the police ... Prince Charles, 11-year-old heir to the British throne, held his first cocktail party, the Empire News reported. It said the party was for adults at Sandringham Castle and was complete with beer and spirits ... Kim Soon-Ae, 30, and Kim Jong-Jon, 22, of Korea, had their heads shaved, as punishment, by order of a U.S. Army officer after the girls had

been caught in U.S. Army barracks past midnight. Members of the Korean Parliament and press were so outraged over the Army's action that the U.S. hastily awarded each girl $960 in damages ... Former world heavyweight champion Joe Louis predicted that American Negroes will soon be flocking to Cuba for vacations. He praised the revolutionary government in Cuba for a mammoth tourist promotion campaign aimed at minority groups ... Mrs. Genevieve Miller, 54, of Chicago, wife of former police sergeant Walter J. Miller--who was wounded in the Roger Touhy slaying--died of "unknown causes." Miller charged that the same persons who wounded him and killed Touhy last December had beaten her, resulting in her death ... The Federal Aviation Agency announced that after March 10 it will be illegal to consume alcoholic beverages that are not served by the airline. Violators of this new regulation, aimed to curb insobriety aboard passenger planes, may be fined up to $1,000 ... Mrs. Galina Glinsky, wife of Vladimir, assistant Soviet naval attache, was accused of shoplifting a $2.56 cut of meat from a Washington supermarket. Mrs. Glinsky was arrested and released after claiming diplomatic immunity ... Columbia University scientists aboard the research vessel Vema have discovered an uncharted submerged "island" which was a true island 8,000 to 10,000 years ago some 550 miles west of the Cape of Good Hope ... At least 30 persons were killed and 200 injured in an earthquake which devastated Arequipa, Peru's second largest city ... FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover warned the Khrushchev American tour put fresh life in the Communist Party in the U.S. and sparked an intensive drive to recruit new members ... Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) said that Mao Tze-tung and other top Communists have transformed Red China "from a prostrate colossus into a giant on the march, in 10 short years." ... Zoltan Kodaly, 78, Hungary's greatest living composer, married Sara Pecell, a 21-year-old music student ... Mrs. Leah Medlock, 70, of Dallas, Texas, told Judge John F. Mead, Jr., it was time for her to get a divorce. She testified she hasn't seen her husband, Gene, since he left for World War I in 1918.

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

During the Christmas holidays, my house guest and I undertook a project that was exciting for me, even though it was insignificant in the light of important world developments. We called it "Operation Bathroom."

For years I had been trying to brighten up my drab bathroom by means of gay towels and a colorful shower curtain, but the result was ineffectual in spite of my efforts.

Landlords are required by law to keep a place in repair, but they are notorious for doing the minimum amount. Mine is no exception. Therefore, as a sort of New Year's present to myself, I purchased a quantity of plastic tiles in pearl gray, in sufficient amount to cover the bathroom walls half way up.

My house guest did a bit of research concerning surface adherents and methods of cutting and applying the tiles. When I returned from work the first day, to my surprise and delight, I found that she had painted the upper part of the room--the ceiling in white and the walls and woodwork in pastel green. Unusual objects, such as the clothes hamper, bathroom scales, metal cabinets, soap dishes, toothpaste, and lotions, etc., were found in strange places throughout the living room and bedroom. It did not matter, however, because as the days passed, the tiles grew fast on the bathroom walls. The silvery gray contrasted beautifully with the green above. When everything was back in its place, the towels and shower curtain took on a new lustre.

For the next few weeks, all comers were ushered into the bathroom before they could remove their wraps, and the interior decoration was thoroughly admired.

I take little credit for "Operation Bathroom" since my friend did all the work. But if enthusiasm is any help, I contributed something to the over-all effort. For me, it gave the new year a wonderful start.

Every time a new decade rolls around, we draw a deep breath and wonder not

only what the coming year will bring, but what will happen during the next ten years. The first year (1960) will be one of confusion--census-taking, political conventions, campaigns, and the presidential election. After that, will we be completely launched into the space age? And will the mystery of the moon be solved before we enter the seventies? It seems within the realm of possibility. But who knows!

There is no doubt, however, that in the coming year we shall all be "going like sixty".

Happy New Year!

Annette Dinsmore

NEWS DIGEST

In politically moribund Washington last month it was fitting that a voice from the grave should have stirred up the sensation of the day. A confidential memorandum written by the late Sen. Robert A. Taft shortly after the Republican convention in 1952, analyzing his defeat for the nomination by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, suddenly came to front-page light. In it, Taft blamed two factors: "First, it was the power of the New York financial interests and a large number of business men subject to New York influence who had selected General Eisenhower as their candidate ... Second, four-fifths of the influential newspapers in the country were opposed to me continuously and vociferously and many turned themselves into propaganda sheets for my opponent." Publication of the memo was inevitably followed by a wave of political speculation: Was its appearance at this time a plant, and if so, by whom? Could followers of Vice President Richard Nixon have hoped it would embarrass the forces of Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, or vice versa? The actual explanation was far less provocative. A Washington Evening Star editor saw a reference to the existence of such a memorandum in a syndicated article and assigned crack reporter Cecil Holland to track it down. The reporter did--and the Taft family subsequently released the full text. But if there was no deep political maneuvering behind the memo, it at least contained food for thought for Presidential hopefuls, especially front runners: Bob Taft went into the convention with a solid 500 votes, just 104 short of a majority, but he lost on the first ballot.

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Lustily singing the International, more than 20,000 workers and students, red and white handkerchiefs tied across their foreheads, marched up the broad avenue to the Japanese Parliament. Thousands more moved in along other streets from behind. As they converged on the white stone Diet building, the rioters came up against a wall of police, backed by armored cars. Briefly, the marchers

stopped, while Socialist leaders harangued against conservative Premier Nobusuke Kishi--and against America. Then, with shouts of "Forward!" the crowd barged into the police lines, flailing at the police with bamboo poles and placards. As the police fell back, thousands swarmed through the gateway into the grounds of the Diet itself. It was the first mob attack on Parliament in Japan's history--and the most serious display of anti-Americanism since the May Day riots of 1952. Its toll: 500 injured. Its objective, as defined by Socialists and Communists alike: To force Kishi to reject the Security Treaty being negotiated with the U.S. The treaty, once signed and ratified, will permit the U.S. to maintain its military bases in Japan. But the opposition parties, playing on postwar Japan's deeply ingrained pacifism, see no reason for this in what they consider to be a world of relaxing tensions. The Socialists have sought for weeks to bring down Kishi's pro-American government by demanding a ban on nuclear weapons in Japan.

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Looking out of her picture window one morning last month, Mrs. Morris Courington, wife of a Chicago merchandising executive, helplessly worried about the model suburban home going up across the street. "It just can't happen in Deerfield," she said. "It just can't." Like almost everybody else in Deerfield (pop. 10,000), a handsome, new North Shore suburb, June Courington was outraged by a homebuilder's plan to sell roughly one-fifth of an adjacent 51-home development to Negroes. That night her husband joined 600-odd other homeowners in a march on the town board meeting in the grade school gym. There an angry 1½-hour session proved that the problem of integrated housing can be as grim in northern suburbia as anywhere south of the Mason-Dixon line.

"We don't want to be lured into the position of debating integration," said Chicago investment broker Harold Lewis, chairman of the anti-integration committee at the village mass meeting. "But in essence they are trying to force integration down the throats of the people of Deerfield, and we are resentful. We have

an obligation to other communities to fight." Mrs. Robert Ettinger, an engineers wife, who moved over from Evanston after Negroes moved into the neighborhood, chimed in with word that the Ettingers had "taken a terrible licking" on the price of their Evanston house. Murmured one North Shore householder as Deerfielders signed up for the fight "We just can't afford to be democratic."

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Six nights a week, shapely, 36-year-old Lydia Lova takes her third-from-the-left place in Paris' famed Folies-Bergere chorus line, prances onstage dressed in not much more than a few sequins, a plume, and her smile. Unknown to most Folies patrons, Lydia Lova is in reality 2nd Lieut. Lydia Danuta de Lipski, one of France's greatest Resistance fighters. Last month the French government prepared to add the Legion of Honor medal to the Croix de guerre with bronze star awarded her by General Charles de Gaulle in 1945. All her life Lydia wanted to dance. Even before her family moved to France from Poland when she was seven, she was already attending the Warsaw Opera Ballet school. Ten years later when the Nazis overran France, Lydia's father Wladimir became a Resistance chief for the French underground's F-1 foreign-born unit, and the 17-year-old Lydia became an invaluable spy. Each day she played the role of an ingenuous, admiring schoolgirl watching Nazi troop movements; at night, from the Lipskis' Pigalle apartment, "Cipine" radioed her findings to London. Handy with pen and brush, Lydia, by 1941, was F-1's chief cartographer. When the infamous female double agent "La Chatte" betrayed the F-1, Lydia began a grim tour of Nazi prisons, ending in Ravensbrueck concentration camp, where nearly dead from torture and disease, ravished by her guards, she was at last freed in 1944 by the Swedish Red Cross. Making her way back to their Pigalle apartment, Lydia was soon joined by her father, who had also survived German internment (her mother had been shot by the retreating Nazis on their last day in Warsaw). In Paris, father and daughter picked up the pieces of their old life. Lydia enrolled in a dancing school in 1948, two years later was among the few chosen from hundreds

of applicants for the Folies chorus, has been there ever since. Says Lydia: "It's not the Warsaw Opera Ballet, but I love it." Asked where she would pin her Legion ribbon, Lydia answered: "I'll wear it at work only for a State visit to the Folies--which is unlikely."

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Mark Lass, plump, solemn and 61, claimed he had been a Red general. His brother Boris, 64, he said, was a concert violinist and had been the Soviet Union's top art official in the early 1920s. They left Russia for Japan in 1926, taking with them 200 "masterpieces" collected by their mother. Settling finally in Manhattan, they became naturalized citizens in 1945. By then their collection totaled some 280 canvases, which they valued at about $25 million, included paintings with such signatures as Gauguin, Van Gogh, Soutine, Cezanne and Monet. But money was running out. Nine months ago they rented a Madison Avenue showroom, named it the Re-Mi Gallery, and put their canvases on sale. It was a bad mistake. Last month Boris and Mark Lass were indicted for attempted grand larceny. Warned by the Better Business Bureau, police forwarded photos of two Lass "Picassos" to Picasso himself and the master labeled both fakes. Museum experts declared the older pictures largely student efforts, with signatures clumsily painted in. The Lasses stood firm under fire, protesting that an international art cartel was out to get them. But the brothers' own art tastes seemd confused. "Picasso," said Mark Lass, "is a mere cartoonist." But when he was asked how much he would take for one of his "Picassos," he ansered: "I would not sell under half a million dollars. I would destroy instead." In fact, it seemed possible that their prospective customers were shrewder than the bumbling brothers. For in the nine months the Re-Mi Gallery was open, the Lass brothers did not sell a single picture.

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After swearing allegiance to the U.S., should a college student who gets a federal loan also have to file an affidavit that he is not subversive? Yes, according to the National Defense Education Act. No, according to 16 colleges

and universities that now refuse to take part in the $30 million Federal Student Loan Program, and to many others who participate unhappily. When Harvard and Yale recently quit in protest, they declared that the "disclaimer affidavit" is 1) superfluous and 2) discriminating against students. Yale's President A. Whitney Griswold called the affidavit reminiscent of "the oppressive religious and political test oaths of history, which were used as a means of exercising control over the educational process by church or state." Last month, President Eisenhower confronted the growing controversy at his press conference in Washington. Said Ike: "I personally am ready each morning to take an oath that I am not a Communist and that I am loyal to the United States. I think, however, that when we begin to single out any group of citizens and say, 'This is a matter of legal compulsion,' I can see why they are resentful." Most college presidents feel that they cannot give up federal funds for needy students, however much they might wish to follow the Harvard-Yale principle.

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Crowds enviously studied the windows of Moscow's new Mosodezhda men's wear store , eying the fancy suits, coats, smokingi and fraki (tails). But inside, clerks told disappointed shoppers that these were "future" models. All they had for sale was the familiar old line of $80 and $120 suits, featuring outmoded double-breasted jackets and bell-bottomed trousers. "A drab selection," scribbled one customer in the shop's complaint book. "No quality suits. I am shocked, filled with indignation." "Outrageous," wrote another. "Patterns bad, workmanship careless." Sensing that the New Soviet Man might be getting a bit impatient with the shabby, shoddy clothes so long accepted as the badge of well-dressed Soviet citizenship, Izvestia sent two reporters to a clothing industry convention at Riga (which considers itself "the Paris of the Baltic"). Helped perhaps by the fact that their editor is none other than Nikita Khrushchev's son-in-law, enterprising Aleksei Adzhubei, the newsmen got some pungent answers to their queries as to why Soviet readymade clothes are so ill-styled, ill-tailored and

ill-fitted. "Our suits don't look well on ordinary Russians," conceded Vasily Popkov, chief of the garment industry's Central Clothing Institute, "because they are tailored for Apollo. Our designers conceive of the customer in just two dimensions--height and chest width--and assume that for their other measurements all their customers will be proportioned exactly as Apollo." But far from being Apollos, Russians tend to be short and broad, and if anything getting broader. Moscow University's anthropology department, said Popkov, has just finished a survey which shows that only 43% of all Soviet citizens could fit the readymade clothes now being produced.

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The swank Cotton Bay Club on Eleuthera Island in the Bahamas is a world-famed playground for fun-loving celebrities and tired millionaires. In recent years, it has become the favorite retreat of top-ranking military men, too--so much so that at times the Cotton Bay Club has looked more like a tropical officers' club than the gilt-edged resort it is. Last month the House Armed Services Committee revealed that a lot of the high brass have been relaxing on the Cotton Bay Club's palm-fringed golf course as guests of Baltimore's Martin Co., manufacturers of military aircraft and missiles (Vanguard, Titan, Mace). In the past three years no fewer than 25 top-ranking Navy and Air Force officers vacationed on Eleuthera at Martin's expense. Heading the guest list in rank and position was Air Force General Nathan Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who has accepted Martin's hospitality three times (on one occasion accompanied by his wife, son, daughter and infant grandson). Other guests: Air Force Lieut. General E. R. Quesada (ret.), administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency and onetime aviation adviser to President Eisenhower; Vice Admiral John T. Hayward, boss of Navy research and development; Rear Admiral Charles B. Martell, Hayward's assistant; General Emmett O'Donnell, commander in chief, Pacific Air Forces. Most of the high-flying officers have, or had, duties connected with procurement or air research. Martin, which does 99% of its business with the Pentagon, holds $800 million in defense contracts.

TRIVIA

STILLNESS AT APPOMATTOX - Lawyer Robert E. Lee of Memphis refused to defend Ulysses S. Grant, who was charged with public drunkenness, then explained: "What would people say if I lost the case?"

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LUBE JOB - After he was flagged down at a school-zone crossing by an eleven-year-old girl school guard who carefully jotted down his license number, startled motorist Joe Chin of Tucson, Ariz., was told: "I'll forget all about it for a quarter."

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DISQUALIFIED - In San Francisco, after reeling into a bank and demanding some money while hammering on the teller's counter with a wine bottle, James R. Shaw, 51, was released by cops, who reckoned that he was much too drunk to be trying a serious holdup.

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WASHED UP - Isabel Hernandez, 63, of Los Angeles, burned up because commuters waiting for buses dropped cigarette butts, papers and other refuse on her front lawn, boarded a bus with her garden hose, doused driver, passengers, seats and coin box.

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MISPLACED MODIFIER - In Louisville, while trying energetically to pronounce a difficult word in a Russian-language class, University of Louisville Coed Brooke Johnson dislocated her jaw, had her mouth shut by a doctor, could not open it again for a fortnight, had no recourse but to drop the course.

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KIPPER OF THE FLAME - After dozing off while cooking a snack, Herbert Herring of North Haven, Conn., was smoked out of his house.

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BAKED TO ORDER - Nurse Anne Sutherland, 24, of Melbourne, Australia, heard a local radio station offer a $280 prize to the first girl reporting there with the same name as an advertised biscuit, rushed to the registry office and changed her name to Honey Graham, collected the bounty.

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THE WORD - In Miami, Lutheran Pastor E. W. Albrecht, who often wondered "if my message gets across," got a phone call from the thief who swiped the church's tape recorder, learned that the conscience-stricken culprit had decided to return the machine after listening to a recorded sermon on repentance.

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MATURE DECISION- After walking into the city hall and for the first time in his life registering to vote, Walter G. Davis, 105, of Hartford, Conn., explained why he had never done so earlier: "I've had a lot of trouble and sickness and doctors' bills and a big family to raise up."

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SWEET SMELL OF EXCESS - A jury could not decide whether Wilbur Fowler Allison of Spartanburg, S.C., was guilty of drunken driving, despite a cop's word that Allison reeked and was staggering, after Allison's barber swore that he had doused the accused with a 70%-alcohol hair tonic shortly before his arrest.

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DOWN, BOY! - In Liverpool, England, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals protested the sale of a toy rocket ship containing a plastic dog in its nose cone.

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MATERNITY LEAVE - After vice-squad officers found a half-full pint of bourbon in his beer parlor, barkeep Floyd Baker of Kansas City, Kans., was fined $200 for illegal possession of whisky, despite his testimony that he never touched the stuff himself, kept it on hand for his female poodle, who drinks it "just when she is about to become a mother."

JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! It's me again.

I know now about "Merry Christmas."

Christmas is a pretty tree with shining things all over it.

Christmas is a big, red stocking that hangs up at the fireplace--with bumpy things inside.

The Boss takes a pretty package out of it and gives it to you and says "Merry Christmas." You open the package and there is something "fun" in it. You eat some bits of the paper if the Boss doesn't notice. Then she gives you another package and says "Merry Christmas" again.

Christmas is wonderful smells in the kitchen.

Christmas is a big turkey. And the Boss gives you pieces to eat and says "Merry Christmas."

I love the tree! I love packages! I love turkey! I love "Merry Christmas!"

A long time ago, I talked about "Happy New Year." I was the Boss's new dog then. I am not new any more.

I know our house. I know the office and the store. I know lots of streets around here. I know about planes and trains and buses.

We go lots of places and I take the Boss everywhere.

Now the Boss says it is "Happy New Year" again. Why? It was "Happy New Year" before. I was new before too. I think it is really "Happy Old Year," but the Boss says "No!"

So--Happy New Year everybody!

Goodbye!

Jannie Dinsmore

SPORTS SHOTS

Hank Aaron was crowned the official batting champion of the National League for 1959, with a .355 average. The Braves' outfielder won his first crown in 1956 with a .326 mark... The Yankees staged the biggest trade of the off-season by giving outfielder Hank Bauer, pitcher Don Larsen, outfielder Norm Siebern, and reserve first baseman Marv Throneberry to the Kansas City Athletics, in return for outfielder Roger Maris, pitcher Joe DeMaestri and first baseman Kent Hadley... The Reds traded second baseman Johnny Temple to the Indians for pitcher Cal McLish, second baseman Billy Martin and first baseman Gordon Coleman... The White Sox obtained third baseman Gene Freese, 25, from the Phils for Johnny Callison, 20, called last pre-season the "new Mantle." ... Boston acquired Bobby Thomson, 36, from the Cubs for righty pitcher Al Schroll. They also picked up pitcher Tom Studivant from the Athletics for catcher Pete Daley... The Orioles sent pitchers Billy O'Dell and Billy Loes to San Francisco in exchange for outfielder Jackie Brandt, pitcher Gordon Jones and Roger McMardell, a rookie catcher... Washington owner Cal Griffith rejected an offer of $500,000 for slugger Harmon Killebrew. The Redlegs made the try and followed up with a similar cash bid for righthander Camilo Pascual, which was also turned down... President James J. Keelty of the Orioles announced his retirement and tabbed his general manager Lee MacPhail, 42, son of Larry, to succeed him... Louisiana State's halfbach Billy Cannon, 22, won football's two highest honors--the No. 1 draft choice of the National Football League and the Heisman Memorial Trophy as "the outstanding player of 1959."... Gene Fullmer, 28, won a unanimous decision over Spider Webb, 28, at Logan, Utah, keeping the middleweight championship of the NBA (recognized by all states but N.Y. and Mass., which still hold Sugar Ray Robinson champion)... Heavyweight champion Ingemar Johansson was named "Fighter of the Year" by the N.Y. Boxing Writers' Assn.

France's new, huge Malpasset Dam split wide open after a heavy rainfall and sent a tower of water upon the ancient city of Frejus, causing the death of at least 400 persons. ... The U.S., Russia and 10 other nations signed an historic treaty declaring that the vast frozen continent of Antartica "shall be used for peaceful purposes only." President Eisenhower hailed the pact as a "significant advance toward the goal of a peaceful world with justice." ... The Soviets are stockpiling chemical-warfare weapons to knock out and starve out Red China if the Chinese Communists ever should become a serious threat to the U.S.S.R., according to Army intelligence. Gases would be used against the Chinese people, germ bombs to kill off rice and other food crops. ... Recording for the Blind, Inc., will make and distribute at least 2,000 records of the "News of the Week in Review" from each Sunday edition of The New York Times. The weekly news summary, about 7,500 words and takes about 50 minutes to read aloud, will be tape-recorded by a team of volunteer professional newscasters headed by Walter Cronkite. ... John L. Lewis, 79, will retire after serving "40 turbulent years" as president of the United Mine Workers. He will be succeeded by Vice President Thomas Kennedy, 72, a former Lieut. Governor of Pennsylvania. ... For the first time since 1948, the Senate made public the salaries paid by Senators to their office staffs. The records show that at least 20 Senators have, or have had, on their payrolls 22 relatives, at a cost of $146,350 to the tax payers annually. ... Air Force pilot Joe B. Jordan, 30, of Sweeney, Texas, zoomed a missile-like Lockheed F-104C nearly 20 miles into the sky, setting a new world's altitude record of 103,395.5 feet. ... The Pentagon disclosed that the nation's first rocket engine fueled with liquid hydrogen has been test-fired successfully. It will be capable of sending a 12,000-pound space probe to Venus or Mars. ...According to Washington gossip, Neil

McElroy resigned as Secretary of Defense in order to be free to campaign for the Vice Presidency. ... Tony Canzoneri, 51, who won the world's featherweight title once and the lightweight crown twice and collected some $500,000 in purses, died of a heart attack in a $21-a-week room in New York City. ... A Senate Foreign Relations Committee special study found the U.S. military position has skidded sharply in the last 15 years, leaving the nation "open and vulnerable to direct and devastating attack." The committee report urged that, for purely military reasons, the U.S. must forge ahead of Russia in the race into space... The Rev. Clinton Bell, 40, of Kokomo, Ind., fled with a 23-year-old woman and several thousand dollars in church funds, leaving behind a wife and three children. An investigation of the minister's activities by County Prosecutor L. Owen Bollinger revealed that he had been intimate with as many as 10 "or more" teen-age girls, all members of Bell's congregation. ... Comedian Jummy Durante, 66, a widower since 1943, and Margie Little, 38, a long-time friend, will be married. ... Minnesota-born Max Conrad, 57, flew 6,911 miles nonstop across the Atlantic from Casablanca to El Paso in 56 hours 26 minutes, setting a new world record for light planes. ... Communist agents loaded lethal doses of poison--atropine--into the salt shakers of the Radio Free Europe cafeteria in Munich, Germany, in an attempt to kill RFE employes eating there. The plot was foiled by a double agent and American intelligence officers. ... Tycoon Tommy Manville has chosen Christina Erdlen, 20, as his 11th bride. ... Aeroflot, the Soviet airline, is testing the world's first 1,500-mph passenger plane. According to intelligence sources at the Pentagon, the jet airliner is a modified version of a bomber similar to the U.S. B-58. ... Paul J. (Frankie) Carbo, 55, "underworld czar of boxing" for the past 25 years, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for his undercover boxing operations. ... Hans P. Kraus, a New York book collector, paid a world record sum of $182,000 for a 13th-century illuminated manuscript of the "Magnificent Apocalypse" at a London auction. ... Fifteen Cuban navy men were

arrested on charges of plotting to assassinate Premier Fidel Castro. Reports of the alleged plot coincided with the trial of civil war hero Maj. Hubert Matos and 30 officers accused of conspiring to overthrow the Castro government. ... Walter W. Williams, the last of the 4 million Civil War veterans, died at 117. Dressed in his gray Confederate general's uniform and given full military honors, he was buried at Franklin, Texas. ... The Shah of Iran, 40, took Farah Diba, a 21-year-old commoner, as his third queen. The wedding presents included a 12-inch-high silver bowl from President Eisenhower, a gold-plated silver urn from Queen Elizabeth of Britain and a black onyx treasure chest from Khrushchev. ... Roberta Duncan, 58, the blackface "Topsy" of the Duncan Sisters vaudeville act of the 1920s, died in a car crash. ... Twenty hardened convicts seized control of Ivy Bluff Prison, North Carolina's tightest and toughest penal unit, and held it so securely that one of them didn't bother escaping until two hours after the other 19 had fled. ... Former stage star Edna Wallace Hopper, the toast of Broadway at the turn of the century, died in her mid-90's. ... The U..S. population reached 179 million last month. It was estimated that there was a birth every 7½ seconds, a death every 20 seconds, an immigrant's arrival every 90 seconds, and an emigrant's departure every 20 minutes, for a net gain of 3,398,000 during the past year. ... Air force planners are debating the pros and cons of developing a "trilliton" H-bomb--equal to a trillion tons of TNT--big enough to wipe out life on a continent. ... Scientists reported evidence of water vapor in the atmosphere of Venus, raising the possibility that some sort of life may exist on the bright planet. The discovery, a scientific first, was made with instruments carried 15 miles into the stratosphere by Navy balloonist Malcolm Ross and Dr. Charles B. Moore, a meteorologist of Cambridge, Mass. ... Dolores Del Rio, 54, Mexican-born film star, was married to Lewis A. Riley, Jr., 45, a TV producer. ... Sir Winston Churchill spoke in Commons--on his 85th birthday--for the first time since he resigned as Prime Minister in 1955, thanking the M.P.'s for their felicitations.

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